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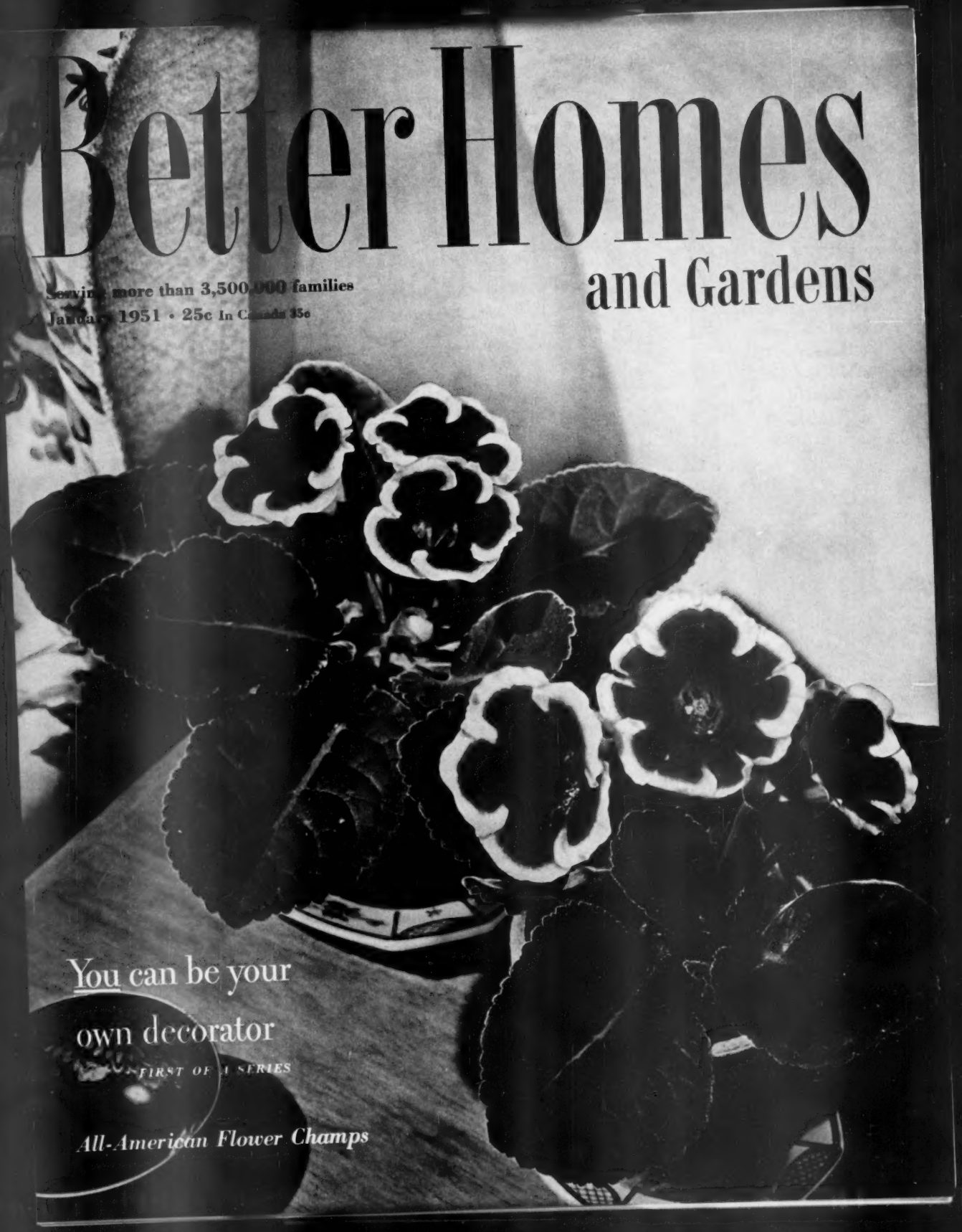

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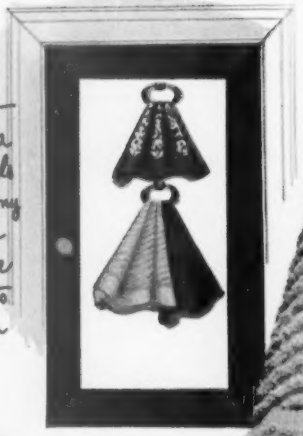

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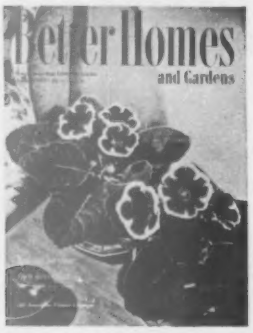

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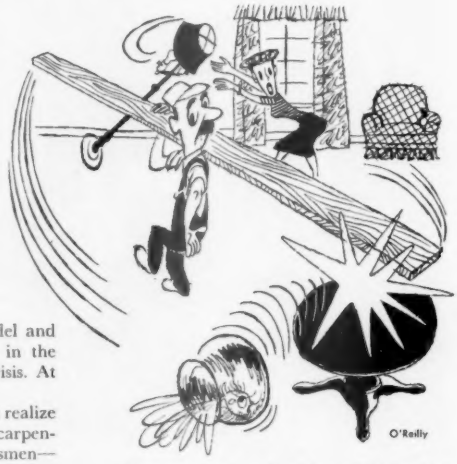
Living in a house that's being remodeled can be a tough proposition. Here are 20 tips that will make it easier

By Pat Kraft



Clear out all rooms. Remodeling is like moving, only worse because everything stays till it's over

Remodeling is fun—before you remodel and after you're finished. But when you're in the midst of remodeling, it is agony and crisis. At least it was for us.

It needn't have been so bad. We didn't realize that remodelers—our generic name for carpenters, masons, painters, and other craftsmen—play rough. When they hammer, they hammer the daylights out of stuff. When they paint, they spatter. When they saw, the air is filled with noise and sawdust. And when they start chipping a hunk of stone, run for cover.

But we learned. And what we learned we give to you. While we shuddered in the sanctuary of a bedroom that was not to be remodeled, my husband caught a scrap of building paper flying by the window, and we wrote down 20 things to do the next time we remodel:

1. *Clear out the room* where remodeling will take place or overflow into. Any remodeling at all. And I mean clear out. Everything portable, including curtains, blinds, and pictures. Remodeling is like moving, only worse because everything stays till it's over. And when furniture moves out, or even if it doesn't, sawhorses and planks move in. True, the planks get sawed off if they are too long, but not until that extra length has bruised everything in reach.

2. *Move china and glassware* completely away from the work scene. It won't do just to put things neatly in a corner. A bull has nothing on a pipe-laden plumber when it comes to creating havoc with china—in a china shop or in your kitchen.

3. *You can cover* toilet bowls, sinks, and lavatories, even if you can't move them. Use newspapers. It's easier to keep out drain-clogging rubbish than it is to fish it out later.

A bull on the loose has nothing on a plumber with a pipe when it comes to breaking up china

4. *Prized plants* are often in vulnerable spots, since they are planted with display in mind. Protect them. Workmen can't always see where they're stepping—and when they step, they step hard. A few stakes driven in the ground around a plant will protect it without shading it.

5. *If some things must stay* in a room during remodeling (what would you do with a grand piano?), cover the open or hinged places with gummed wrapping paper, swaddle the package with sheets, and then smile at the foreman and ask for a tarpaulin to cover it all. Unwrap carefully or you'll spill the debris into the works.

6. *Close the windows.* It will keep wind from blowing dust (and there'll be plenty of it) around too much. Dust can foul clocks, delicate electrical mechanisms, and dispositions.

7. *Close off other rooms.* Keep them closed. Close the door after you when you go into one. A small rug rolled up at the threshold will help keep dirt from sifting in too badly. And if things get really bad, you can always board up the door and use a window.

8. *Hammering* is unholy noisy. You can't shut it out by closing a door. So when it gets too awful, *take a walk.* Those important decisions can wait till you get back.

9. *Spot shoe-wiping mats* between the part of the house being remodeled and the rest. Of course, if *everything's* being remodeled, you can forget about this and just move to a sanitarium.

10. *Have the men spread tarpaulins* where they are working. Strips of building paper or heavy wrapping paper along the traffic lanes will foil grit. Well, some.

11. *For the duration* of your project, confine cleaning to floors. That [*Turn to page 9*

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Pity the poor painter, and don't be too quick to dislike an effect. Things look different when the job is done

way you'll avoid tracking some of the mess around, but more important, you'll save floors from grit. Use a vacuum cleaner, not a broom. A vacuum works fine on wood or linoleum if you turn the setscrew to tilt the mouth close to the floor. Do this quick cleaning at the end of each day's battle.

12. *Don't worry about looks*—yours or the house's—till it's over. A remodeling is like a baby. Everybody knows you're having one, and everybody understands.

13. *Of course you'll have flies* all over the house if you remodel in fly time. To date, DDT hasn't licked that problem. However, you can cut down your local fly population if you paint screens with DDT a few days before you start remodeling. Expect flies anyway, and keep food put away or covered.

14. *Establish a base of operations* for living in a part of the house not being remodeled, and hole up there when you can.

15. *Clip ideas* and keep them handy in *one* place while you're still in the pondering stage. A 20-cent paper portfolio is big and good. Here's where years of magazine clipping pay off. A picture gets to the point quickly, and every half-hour conference with the foreman while his crew marks time is at least a $10 luxury that would be better spent on aspirin and smelling salts. We felt helpless trying to tell our carpenter the kind of exposed beam we wanted across the fireplace alcove, but one look at a clipping and he said, "Oh, sure. I'll hand-adze an oak 8x10."

16. *Try out any important furniture arrangements*—and this is a must—before the last nail is driven. Do it some evening after the workmen are gone. That extra-long sofa may not work into your new scheme no matter how finely you drew it on paper. We had to have a big supporting oak beam moved eight inches so someone sitting in a fireplace chair wouldn't risk a crick in the neck trying to join in the conversation. The carpenters howled, but not as loud as we would have if we'd had to live with a mistake forever.

17. *Don't be hasty* about not liking an effect while it's still under way. Things look different when the scaffolding comes down and the new paint goes on. No matter what you feel like, remember you're an amateur.

18. *But then speak up* when something is finished. If it needs another touch to get what you want, this is the time to say so. If it's just right—well, workmen work better with praise.

19. *Insist on what you want*, but not blindly. Sure, it's your money, but there may be a better material for a job than the one you know and think [*Turn to page 97*

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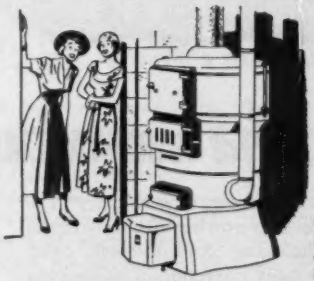

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this family?

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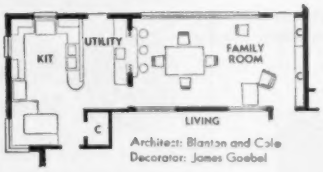

Architect: Blanton and Cole
Decorator: James Goebel

By Louise Price Bell

Do you want a place for reading, sewing, games, informal meals? Cram all these activities into your living room, and it will hardly be a place to greet guests.

That's why the Dan Kinerks of Tucson built a second living room, just for the family. The room has a storage wall; plus a pass-through for serving from kitchen. Linoleum floor and bamboo furniture take constant wear with little upkeep. The Kinerks got all this living for the cost of a single room.

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The NEW Social

—*what's in it for you?*

By Jhan Robbins

On January 1 of this year, under the terms of the new Social Security Act, 10 million new wage earners were added to the 45 million already covered by Federal Old Age and Survivors Insurance. You may be one of them. Or someone who works for you—even part-time like a gardener or a baby-sitter—may be covered for the first time.

In recent years, the small monthly allotment to persons over 65 seemed to many more like vote-bait than it did like real insurance. Today, however, Social Security is another, bigger story. More than 3 million people who now receive benefits are getting increases averaging 77.5 percent. The maximum payment has risen from $45.60 to $68.50. Workers retiring after April 1, 1952, will be in line for even higher benefits. A man earning $3,600 a year will upon retirement be entitled to $80 monthly.

For the first time, divorced wives, dependent husbands, and widowers of working women can collect Social Security. Ten million more persons, including many domestic servants, salesmen, farm hands, artists, realtors, and others who ordinarily list themselves as "self-employed," and some employees in nonprofit institutions, are now protected.

Like most laws and most insurance programs, the Social Security Act is complicated. And *unlike* most laws, this one cannot fully protect you, your beneficiaries, or your employees unless you understand the provisions which apply to you. Questions pour daily into the nation's 500 Social Security field offices. Here are a few that are being asked most often by average family people, and answers that should help you know where you stand:

What is Federal Old Age and Survivors Insurance?

A family insurance plan provided for by the Social Security law and operated by the U. S. Government. It is designed to make up for your loss of earnings in old age and to give some help to your family if you should die.

Do I have to be in need to collect Social Security?

No, this is insurance, not charity or public relief.

Who pays for it?

If you work for someone else, you and your boss each contribute a sum equal to 1½ percent of your pay check up to $3,600. Self-employed persons contribute 2¼ percent of their annual income up to $3,600.

Do payments start automatically when I'm 65?

No, you have to ask for it. Several million dollars are lying around unclaimed right now.

Security law

How do I go about collecting my benefits when I reach 65?

If you are 65 or older and have a Social Security card, go to the nearest Social Security field office and apply for payments. Your monthly benefit is paid beginning with the month you file and are eligible. Don't delay. If you wait too long, you may lose some benefit.

If I die, will my survivors receive my benefits?

Yes, a widow, orphan and, in many cases, a divorced wife can collect your insurance benefits after you die. Widows receive benefits until their children are 18, then again when they reach 65 themselves, if they have not remarried.

If I keep on working after 65, can I collect Social Security?

If you are 75 or over, you can collect no matter how much you earn. If you are younger than 75, you can't collect Social Security as long as you are working and make more than $50 per month or $600 per year, *unless you make this income in a field not covered by Social Security.*

Will income from investments, savings, annuities, or other sources keep me from collecting Social Security?

No. As long as you are not working at an insured job, the amount of your income is immaterial.

How can I find out how much Social Security credit I have now?

Write to the Social Security Administration, Candler Building, Baltimore 2, Maryland, stating your request and including your name, printed or typed, your *signature signed in ink*, your Social Security number, and date of birth.

We don't have a full-time maid, but my wife shares a cleaning woman with some of her friends. Does each family have to make Social Security reports for her?

Yes, her wages must be reported everywhere that she is "regularly" employed. "Regularly" means that she puts in at least 24 days or partial days and earns $50 or more at your house during any 3-month period. You must deduct Social Security taxes from her pay check, chip in your share, and turn the sum over to the government.

Can't I handle all that at my office?

You can if you are the sole owner of a business or professional practice and are already making Social Security reports for your business employees on Form 941.

Part of the wages we pay our cleaning woman is taken out in meals, carfare, and from time to time, gifts of secondhand clothing for herself and her children. Do I have to figure that in?

No, only wages paid in cash are counted toward Social Security credits. If carfare is paid in car checks or tokens, it does not count as a reportable part of her pay.

What household workers now come under Social Security?

If they meet the "24-day $50 test," all household workers including nursemaids, baby-sitters, gardeners, and laundresses are insured.

How do I go about filing a report on part-time help?

You can get a simple, brief report form from the nearest Collector of Internal Revenue. Every three months, you write down your employee's name, Social Security number,

Q. How much does insulation add to the cost of a new home?

☐ Nothing ☐ About 1% ☐ Almost 9½%

A. Initially, insulation adds about 1% to the cost—around $150 in an average new 6-room home. However, an insulation like KIMSUL* (Regular or Reflective) pays for itself in fuel savings within a few years.

Q. Does a reflective insulation provide the best protection?

☐ Only in hot climates ☐ No ☐ Yes

A. A reflective insulation alone does not provide maximum protection. However, a reflective *blanket* insulation like KIMSUL combines an aluminum foil cover to turn back radiant heat, *plus* fiber blanket to resist convected heat. This *double* protection principle is the most effective method of stopping heat loss ever devised. The aluminum cover also acts as a vaporseal to shut out condensation. And this same double protection keeps your home up to 15° cooler on hottest summer days.

Q. How long will insulation last?

☐ 5 years ☐ About 15 years ☐ Lifetime

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Q. Why should I insulate my house?

☐ Increase its value ☐ Provide greater comfort ☐ Save fuel

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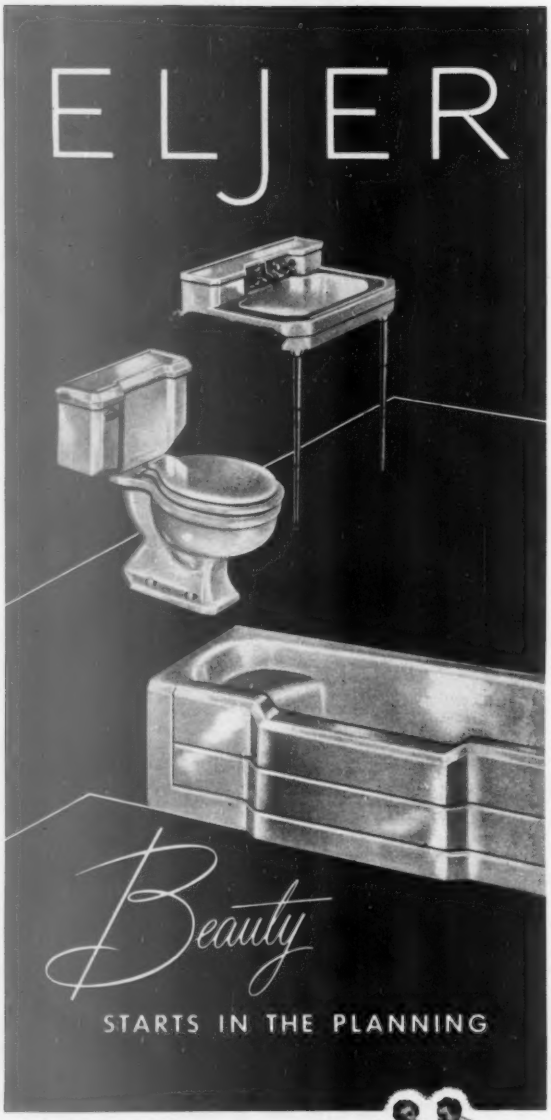

For a bathroom that excites admiration, architects and builders suggest style-matched plumbing fixtures. For extra beauty, we suggest Eljer, in lovely pastel colors, or immaculate white. You *will* get quality; the finish of Eljer Fixtures cannot fade, become dull or lifeless. Bathtubs have an extra-thick enamel coating, fused to a *rugged, rigid, cast-iron* base. Vitreous China Lavatories and Closet Combinations resist stains and are impervious to all ordinary acids, because they are *real* china. So, be *sure* . . . write Eljer Plumbing Fixtures into your plans.

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and amount of cash wages you paid during that time. Mail it in, together with a check equal to 3 percent of this sum—half deducted from her pay and half contributed by you—to the same place where you pay your federal income tax.

Suppose he quits before he has worked 24 days and earned $50. What shall I do with the tax I have deducted from his weekly check?

Give it back. You do not have to make any kind of report on his wages.

What "self-employed" people now come under Social Security?

Your earnings count toward Federal Old Age Insurance if you work for yourself as a writer, photographer, appraiser, adjuster, artist, private teacher, sign painter, private detective, and many other categories. Check with your nearest Social Security field office if you think your occupation belongs on this list. You are also covered if you are the partner or sole owner of a beauty parlor, filling station, barbershop, bar, laundry, jewelry shop, drugstore, theater, hotel or tourist court, flower shop, taxi, tailor shop, advertising agency, secondhand store, manufacturing plant, or real-estate agency.

Is there a 24-day $50 test for self-employed persons?

Not quite, but you need not report for Social Security purposes any earnings less than $400 per year or more than the first $3,600.

Are there any self-employed occupations not covered now by Social Security?

Yes, you cannot collect and need not pay in if you are *self-employed* as a doctor, dentist, veterinarian, lawyer, farmer, osteopath, chiropractor, optometrist, architect, accountant, engineer, or funeral director.

What about income from rent or other investments?

Income from investments does not count for Social Security purposes. Earnings from real estate do not count unless you are in the real-estate business.

How do I file a report if I'm self-employed?

File your Social Security report when you pay your federal income tax report for 1951 (due in 1952). A Social Security report form will be part of your tax blank. Make a deduction equal to 2¼ percent of your annual income (don't count earnings over $3,600) and send it to the Collector of Internal Revenue in your district.

I have a full-time job, and Social Security is deducted each week from my pay. I also earn a little on the side by working for myself. Does that "little extra" come up for Social Security deductions, too?

It does if it amounts to $400 or more a year.

Do World War II veterans get special benefits under this new law?

Yes, if you're a World War II veteran, you are now credited with $160 in earnings for each month of active service if you were in service 90 days or more. If you were discharged because of a service-connected disability, the 90-day limit does not apply.

Does a veteran's pension or compensation affect his Social Security?

No, a veteran who has reached 65, or his survivors, can collect full Social Security benefits regardless of the amount of V.A. payments he has received.

New kind of lamp for ceiling fixtures does away with "bare bulb look"!

Now you can change
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Reader's Digest recently reported the same research which proves the Colgate way of brushing teeth right after eating stops tooth decay best! Better than any other home method of oral hygiene!

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✓ And Help Stop Tooth Decay!

*YOU SHOULD KNOW! While not mentioned by name, Colgate's was the only toothpaste used in the research on tooth decay recently reported in Reader's Digest.

Snow shoveling—minus the backache

By Robert M. Jones

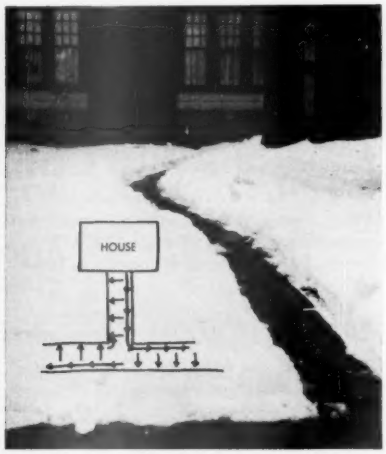
Shoveling snow may seem like a routine, uninspiring pastime to you. But not so for Daniel H. Spofford, a production engineer of Hartford, Connecticut.

Even as you and I, Mr. Spofford has to move a lot of snow off his sidewalks and driveway every winter. So, being of scientific bent, he made a detailed time-and-motion study of the job.

He reports: "Now I can clear my walks in about one-third the time most others take to do the job. And I'm much less tired when I finish."

Here are the results of his study.

Why lift that snow more than once? Give your shovel a coat of paraffin or ski wax, and the wettest snow won't stick. Melted paraffin, applied with an old paintbrush, works even better. File jagged edges that might catch



A method makes the job easier, and here's the best. Do a path just one width of the shovel first. Then finish clearing the width of sidewalk with sweeping strokes. Plan campaign as sketched, and you won't waste energy

Photographs: Edward Saxe

Take a tip from your wife—shoveling snow should be more like sweeping the floor than digging a ditch. (But that doesn't mean your wife should do it.) A smooth, sweeping motion uses the strength of your back rather than that of arms. Snow isn't lifted higher than necessary

If you want to prevent that blood pressure from mounting, rest at regular intervals. Mr. Spofford recommends a 30-second rest for each 30 shovelfuls of 2-inch snow, up to a 30-second rest for 10 shovelfuls of 8-inch snow

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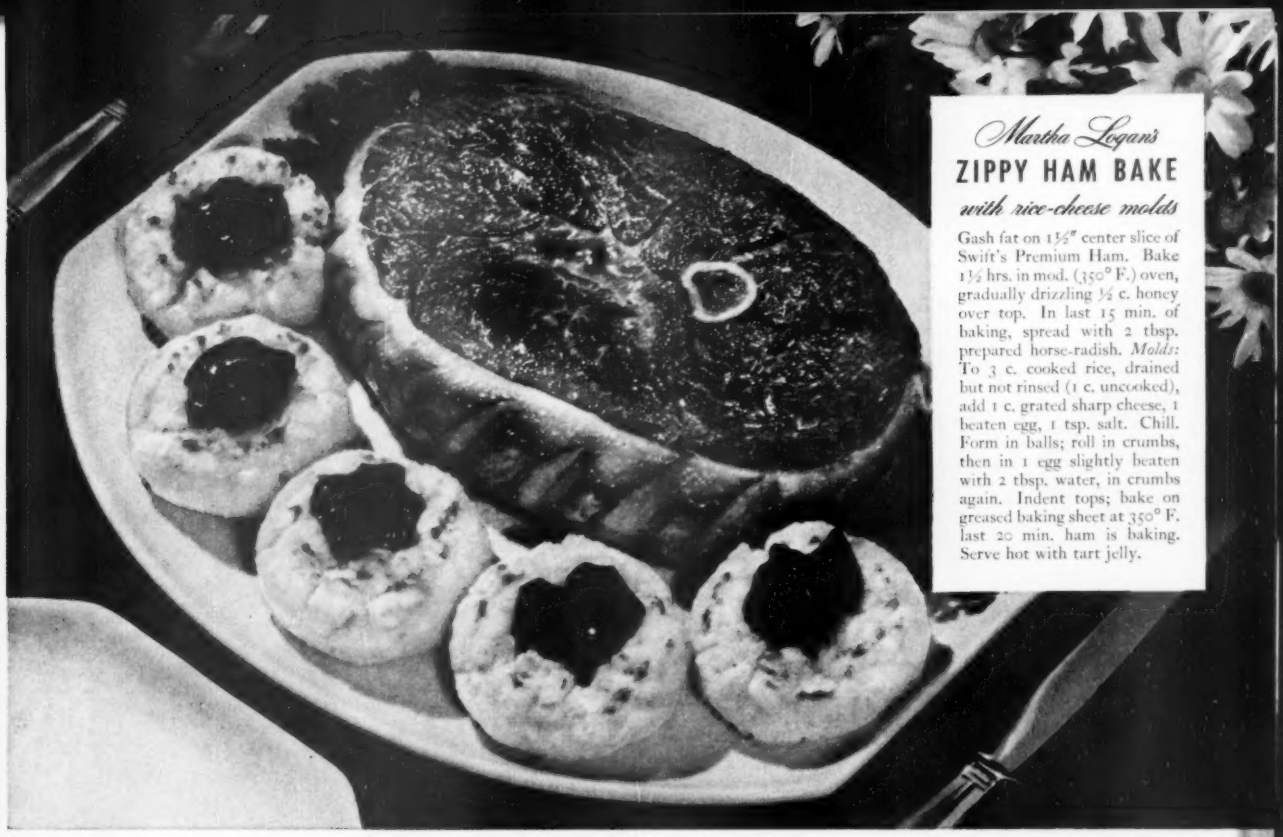

Martha Logan's

ZIPPY HAM BAKE

with rice-cheese molds

Gash fat on 1½" center slice of Swift's Premium Ham. Bake 1½ hrs. in mod. (350° F.) oven, gradually drizzling ½ c. honey over top. In last 15 min. of baking, spread with 2 tbsp. prepared horse-radish. *Molds:* To 3 c. cooked rice, drained but not rinsed (1 c. uncooked), add 1 c. grated sharp cheese, 1 beaten egg, 1 tsp. salt. Chill. Form in balls; roll in crumbs, then in 1 egg slightly beaten with 2 tbsp. water, in crumbs again. Indent tops; bake on greased baking sheet at 350° F. last 20 min. ham is baking. Serve hot with tart jelly.

Dinner's on the table

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Swift's Premium is dependably, delectably the same wherever or whenever you buy it. No wonder it's *America's best-liked ham!*

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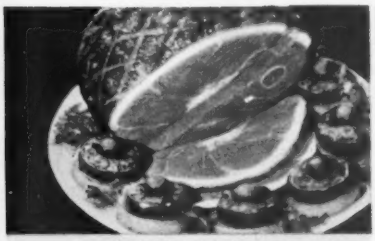
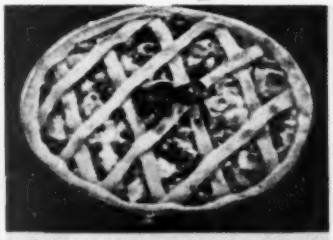


EPICUREAN HAM: Cook 1 c. apple sauce and ½ c. light corn syrup till thick; stir constantly. Add 2 tsp. prepared mustard. Spread on Swift's Premium Ham baked and scored according to directions on tag. Brown 15 min. in mod. hot oven (400° F.). *Garnish:* Baked onion and tomato slices topped with mushroom caps.

America's favorite ham comes in 2 styles: Blue Label, for easy home cooking; Red Label, fully cooked.

NOTE: Not so-called "ready-to-eat" . . . but really, deliciously, fully cooked as you'd do it at home!



HAM & EGG PIE: Combine 3 c. medium white sauce, 1½ c. cubed cooked Swift's Premium Ham, 4 hard-cooked eggs cut in eighths. Cool; pour in shallow baking dish or pie pan. Top with lattice-strips of pastry. Bake 15 min. in hot oven (450° F.) till crust is golden brown and filling is hot.

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Snow shoveling—minus the backache

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Even with snow this heavy, it isn't necessary to clear your entire driveway to get your car rolling. Make just one path from garage to street, the width of the shovel on the driver's side of the driveway. (Mr. Spofford's drive is 150 feet long)

Then buck the drive open with your car—it's stronger than you. From garage, go ⅓ of distance first. Return to garage, and go ⅔ of the way out on the second try. The third time, buck out to the street. Run car in and out a couple of times

When a snowplow clogs your driveway, keep cool. Face garage, and move all snow to your left. Then the next plow won't put the same snow back. Shoveling snow sideways takes one smooth motion; forward takes two jerky motions

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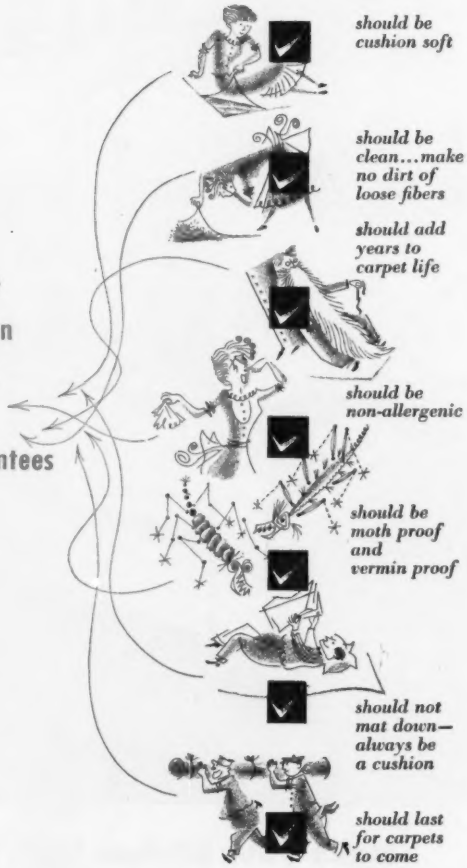

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How-to for the handyman

A horse of another color. Here's a way to make emergency sawhorses that work so well you might decide to use them permanently. You'll need four cinder blocks. It doesn't matter if the corners have been chipped—they come cheaper that way. Across each pair, lay a length of 2x4. The end recess in the blocks will hold it in place. Then proceed with your sawing job.

Leo D. Keller
Rochester, New York

Under fire. If you have trouble keeping track of your hand tools, you can easily burn your initials into those with wood handles. Inscribe your initials with a thick layer of fingernail polish. Ignite the polish before it dries. For deep charring, repeat the burning process several times.

Ruth Straughn
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Photographs: Stanley

Hanger round. You'll work faster and better if you organize your small tools. Make a tool hanger from short lengths of old garden hose, cut at an angle to simplify tacking on board. For wide tools like the flat wrench, slit the hose down the front.

E. J. Habgood
Somers Point, New Jersey

Clean sweep. To save time when you brush shavings and sawdust off your workbench, tack a burlap bag in place to catch them. To avoid retacking each time you empty the bag, you can tack the top to a simple frame, and let the frame slide in grooved guides under bench like a drawer.

George VerKuehlen
Portland, Oregon

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Ease the budget—please everybody with

CRISCO'S BEEF "DRUMSTICKS"

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1 pound ground beef	**⅛ cup chopped onion**
1 teaspoon salt	**¼ cup fine crumbs**
1 teaspoon mustard	**1 egg**
1 teaspoon Worcestershire Sauce	**½ cup fine crumbs**
	3 green peppers
	Crisco for frying

All Measurements Level. Combine all ingredients except ½ cup fine crumbs and green peppers. Shape ⅓ to ½ cup meat mixture around metal or wood skewers. Roll "drumsticks" in ½ cup fine crumbs. Melt 4 to 5 tablespoons of Crisco in a heavy 8" or 9" frying pan. Fry "drumsticks," turning to brown all over. Cover frying pan and cook about 15 mins. or until cooked through. Serve with Pan-Fried Green Pepper Rings: Cut peppers into thin crosswise slices. Remove seeds, fry in a little hot Crisco until lightly browned.

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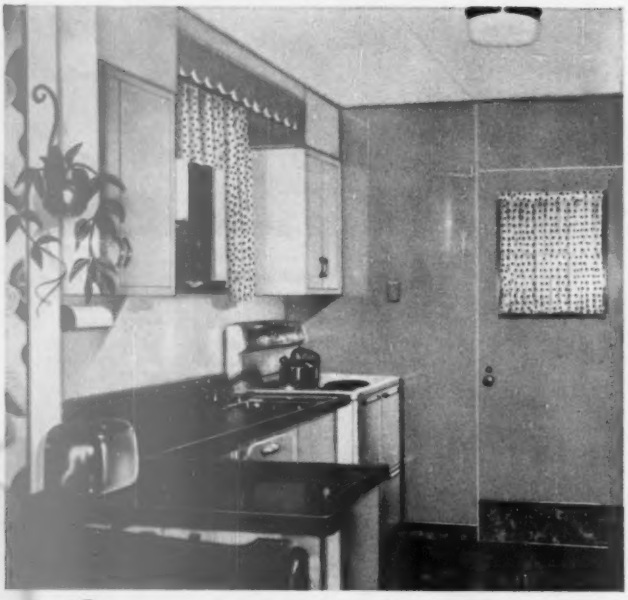

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How-to for the handyman

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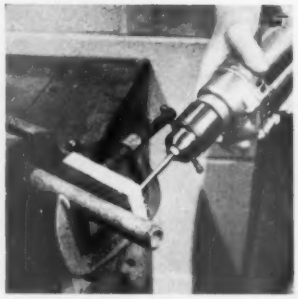

Hole in one. Sometimes it's difficult to start a drill accurately into a length of pipe or a smooth metal surface. Clamp a scrap of wood over the spot you wish to drill, and go through the wood first. The wood will hold the drill in place until it starts to chew into the metal surface.

Hugh M. Mason
Indianapolis

Going nuts. Here is a way to start a small nut in an inaccessible place. Lay a piece of soft wire solder across the nut, and tap it with a hammer. Then use the wire to feed the nut into place. The wire solder pulls loose easily once you have the nut started.

James A. Maxim
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Stable label. You can make good labels that will stick to almost any surface from surgical adhesive tape. You can write on the tape with soft pencil or waterproof ink. Or, better still, stick it on typewriter roller and letter it.

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Down the drain. A length of garden hose can help you open a stopped floor drain. Attach the hose to a hot-water faucet, and bind the other end with wet rags or friction tape until it will fit snugly in the drain-pipe. Hold bound end firmly in the drain and turn on the hot water. Water pressure plus heat will remove most clogs quickly and effectively.

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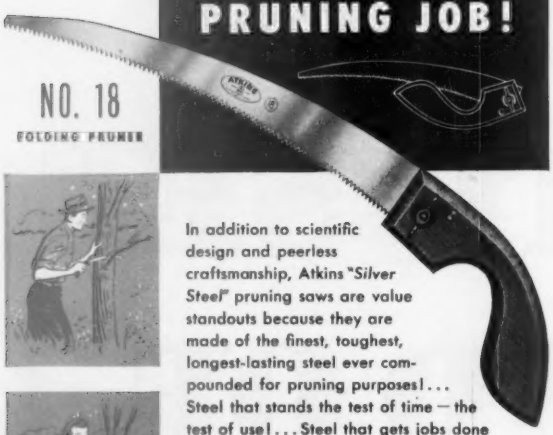

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Latest Garden News?

By Dr. R. Milton Carleton

At last—seedless watermelon!

A "seedless" watermelon is the latest product of the plant breeder's skill. Seeds are reduced to small, immature specks like those in a young cucumber.

The new hybrid is produced by crossing a melon with the normal number of chromosomes (inheritance-bearers) with one in which the number of cells has been doubled artificially. This results in a melon with an intermediate number of chromosomes, known technically as a triploid.

This hybrid has been produced in six different varieties, including one which some watermelon authorities consider the finest-flavored melon in the world. The latter has a cream-colored rind.

Since the triploid produces no seed, it is necessary to repeat the cross each year.

Speed-up in fruit ripening

Ripening of apples and peaches has been speeded up by spraying the trees with 2,4,5-T in tests started in 1949 and continued in 1950 by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Rome Beauty apples sprayed with this hormone matured 30 days ahead of unsprayed trees. Summer apples were speeded up from 5 to 13 days, a much more significant advance from a home orchard and commercial standpoint. There are good summer apples that can be used instead of Rome Beauties, and if we could pick the earliest apples a week or two earlier, this would mean something.

Spraying of peaches was not quite so successful because fruit quality suffered from the spray.

Tuberous begonias flower in winter

Experiments now under way should result in a practical method for forcing tuberous begonias to flower during winter months—exciting news to begonia fans who have deplored the lack of winter bloom in this flower.

At a recent meeting of the American Institute of Biological Sciences at Ohio State University, I heard Dr. Kenneth Post of Cornell describe his experiments.

By flooding cuttings with lights from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m., Doctor Post brought them into flowering during the darkest days of winter, while unlighted cuttings from the same branch failed to flower.

The public and the Blue Cocos bean

At several West Coast seed ranches, Mexican workers refuse to take jobs unless the owners are growing the Blue Cocos bean. And on inquiry, I find that many

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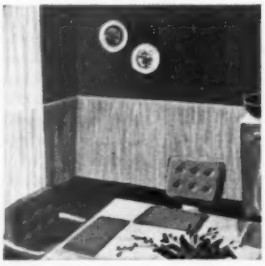
1. **Built-in Bookcases** add dignity and charm. Plan them with or without cabinets, according to your needs.

2. **A Television Corner** provides an attractive setting for this coming "must" in home furnishing.

3. **Frame a Picture Window** in the soft luxury of Weldwood. This "one wall" treatment is gaining popularity.

4. **Corner Cupboards** bring grace, charm and convenient storage space to your dining room or breakfast nook.

5. **Panel the Fireplace Wall** to accent and increase the appeal and livability of your living room.



6. **A Dining Room Wainscot** can make a striking improvement in either traditional or modern rooms.

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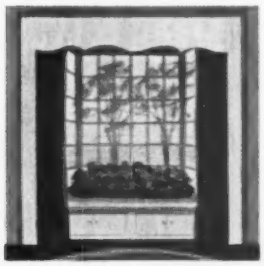

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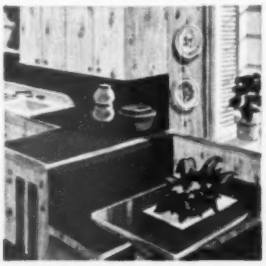

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vegetable specialists insist on growing this spectacularly colored pole bean for their own use.

The pods are a brilliant purple and look almost inedible. The flavor is superb, and I consider it the highest-quality bean in the world.

When I ask commercial seedsmen why it isn't offered in the trade, they say Americans won't eat freak beans, that only a conventional green-podded variety has any chance. The Blue Cocos bean once was offered in commerce under the name, Faust, but never caught on.

Count to 10 before you act

The old adage, "One year's seeds mean seven years' weeds," may have to be revised to cover more time.

Home gardeners, who frequently complain that seedsmen have supplied weed seed instead of the flower or vegetable ordered, fail to appreciate how long weed seeds can survive buried under several inches of soil. Because a particular weed hasn't been known in the garden for several years, they argue the only source was the seed packet in question.

In 1880, Professor Beal at Michigan State College buried flasks containing seeds of several common weeds to test how long they would survive. The seeds outlived Doctor Beal.

Dug up every 10 years, 3 of the original 20 species buried still are alive. Black mustard and water smartweed germinated when dug up after 50 years, but did not grow on the last test. Still surviving were mullein, curly dock, and night-flowering catchfly.

Crabgrass and plantain survived for 30 years.

Trousers and winning parsnips

I picked up an interesting (and possibly true) story while judging a flower show last summer. Preceding the judging, an old-time Scotch gardener was explaining the tricks in growing exhibition vegetables.

In his training days, the laird of the manor was eager to win at shows and went to all possible lengths to grow super vegetables. His head gardener knew that plenty of humus plus nitrogen was needed for top-notch parsnips, and double-dug his soil to a depth of 3 inches. In the bottom, he placed several worn-out pairs of the laird's trousers, covering this with well-rotted compost and earth. The laird was a consistent winner at local shows.

His theory, which apparently worked out in practice, was that nitrogen in the wool trousers would break down slowly and give a feed throughout the growing period. Which suggests that wool scraps and worn-out clothing might well go in the compost heap.

Sweet-corn "suckers"

Faithful removal of the "suckers" from sweet-corn plants is a waste of time, and does more harm than good. That's the inference of Dr. Donald F. Jones of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station to the American Seed Trade Association.

Doctor Jones points out that "suckers" do not suck food from the main stalk. Instead, they are feeders. If all leaves are removed from the main stalk, and the tillers (as he prefers to call them) are left intact, the ears on the main stalk will mature, fed by the leaves on the tillers.

This suggests that a plant with plenty of tillers, given a little more room in the row, might well produce bigger, better ears than crowded stalks with the tillers removed.

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How to referee your children's fights

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You can't stop all of it—and you shouldn't if you could—but here are tips on ground rules to minimize the mayhem, and the wear and tear on bystanders

By Josephine Poynter

Whenever I hear my 6-year-old sing out "Danny is a Doh-o-ope!" I brace myself for the crash and the roar of pain which inevitably follows. It seems to me that it is Jimmy who is the dope; he must know by now that retaliation by his bigger brother will be swift and unpleasant. Yet he still goes on deliberately provoking Dan's wrath. I don't even try to protect Jimmy from the consequences any more, but I do protect myself—usually by going away where I can't hear the fight.

Those of you who enjoy a rip-roaring argument over foreign policy or whether men are better drivers than women can probably put up with children's bickering better than those who retire to calmer conversation the minute talk gets a little heated.

But just as you can't have a home without *some* disagreement, you can't build lasting personal relationships on uninterrupted harmony. That's especially true of children.

Sure, it's tough on Dad to come home tired in the evening and be faced with a houseful of wrangling kids. It's nerve-wracking, and even dangerous, for Mother to try to prepare dinner with a couple of youngsters fighting it out on the kitchen floor. There's no reason why you *should* have to put up with quarreling at these times. "Finish that fight outside" (or in your room) is a simple, direct order every father can make for his own protection. "Not in here, boys!" Mother should say firmly, before she trips over the wriggling bodies or burns her hand and starts yelling.

You won't stop rivalry by stopping a fight. You won't eliminate wrangling and teasing and tears. Your children's feelings, which normally switch like lightning from love to hate, will remain unchanged. But you *can* succeed in protecting yourself at a time when your nerves won't stand the abuse. Lay down the law of "No fighting in here" before *you* become involved.

It just doesn't pay to [*Turn to page 107*

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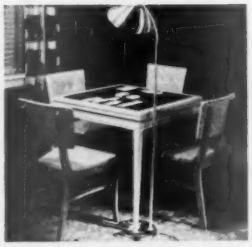

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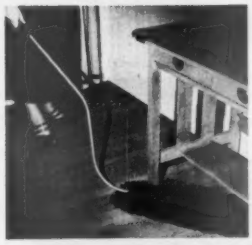

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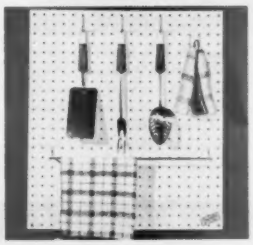

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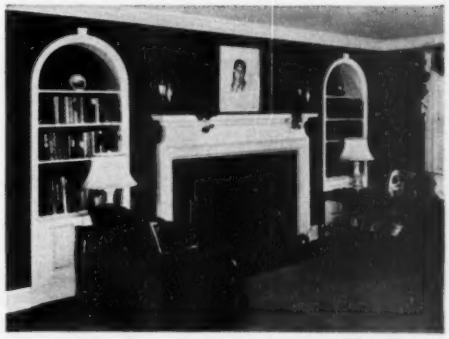

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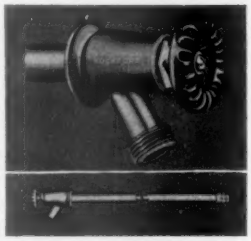
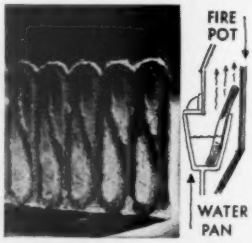


Nonfreezing faucet provides running water outside your house even in coldest weather. Extension pipe puts the shut-off valve far enough inside the wall of your house to get it away from subfreezing weather zone. Solid rod connects handle with valve. *Weatherall Nonfreeze Faucet*, approximately $3.75, plus installation, through your plumber. Rockford Brass Works, Rockford, Ill.

Built-in panties with moisture-resistant plastic lining can't get lost. Tiny jersey dress is designed with snap fasteners down the front and along the sides of the panties. Opens out flat, so it's easy to get on and off. Pastel pink, maize, blue, mint; sizes 1, 2, and 3. *Magic-Pantidress*, $2.98, in stores. Miller Art Mfg. Co., 1350 Broadway, New York 18, N. Y.

Shampoo spray with permanent plumbing connection gives dependable lifetime service. Flexible, polished, stainless-steel hose has chromium-plated spray head and holder hook. Outlet can be fitted with separate hot- and cold-water fixtures or, by use of a diverter valve, can be controlled from washbowl fixtures. *Lifetime Shampoo Spray*, $13, ppd. from manufacturer (installation extra). T. & S. Brass & Bronze Works, Inc., 121 E. Second St., Mineola, Long Island, N.Y.

Weatherstripping felt tape goes on doors and windows with just the pressure of your fingers, requires no nails or tools. Wool-felt tape is impregnated with rubber and backed with pressure-sensitive adhesive. It is waterproof, nonwicking. Checks drafts; seals out dust, smudge; keeps out heat and cold. *Pro-Seal*, $1.87 for 100-foot roll, in stores or ppd. from manufacturer. (Average small house requires about two rolls.) Coast Paint and Chemical Co., 1507 Grande Vista Ave., Los Angeles 23, Calif.



Wick fits into water pan of warm-air coal furnaces, increases air humidity. Rests in water pan with top projecting over edge so water-soaked wick is exposed to circulating air and heat from the fire pot. Wick is made of asbestos, covered with bronze screen wire which will not rot or rust. *Milliken's Air Moistener*, $1.50, ppd. G. E. Milliken, 606 E. Decatur St., Decatur, Ill.

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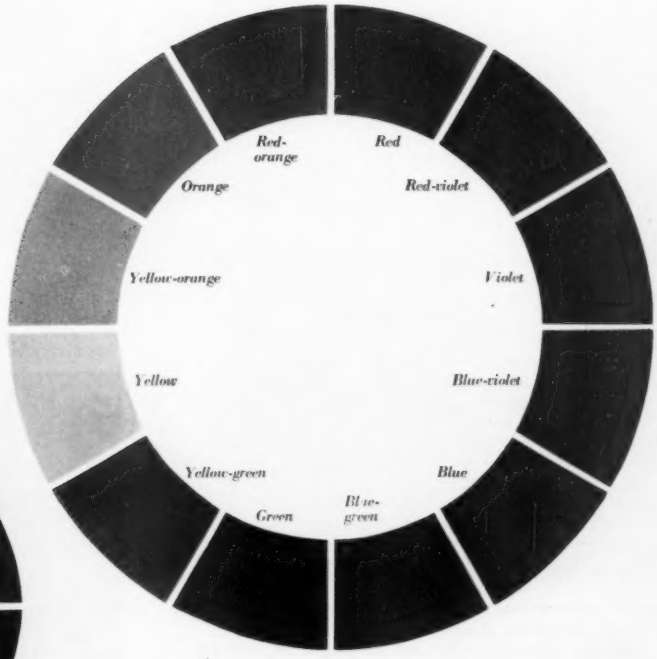
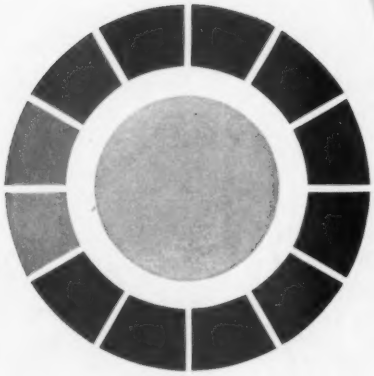
ABCs of decorating

By Mary L. Brandt





Colors in the above circle have been "grayed"—or *shaded*—to produce a set of practical decorating colors. Dozens of other usable shades are possible, of course. The large color wheel contains only the simplest of colors. They are pure colors; they have not been shaded or tinted. By adding white to colors in large wheel, you can produce many tints of each

Color comes first—

FIND the right colors, and your decorating is off to a good start. It's color that gives your home personality and makes a room cheerful. And color can do surprising tricks, too. Some colors seem to change the shape and even the size of a room. Color can warm a cold room and cool one which gets too much brilliant sun. So the first step in decorating is to learn all you can about color.

The wheel above shows only the simplest of colors. But it's the key or starting point for the thousands of tints, shades, and subtle off-tones used in things for your home. Sometimes these go by confusing fashion names, so it's easier to talk about color schemes if you use basic color-wheel names. Thus, vague *forest green* (which might be oaks, or pines, or maples) becomes *dull, dark, bluish-green.*

How to create color schemes →

Color comes first—

continued

If you study the color wheel, you'll see that half is *cool:* blues, greens, violets. Like sky and water, they are cooling and restful. They're *receding*, seem to push walls back and make furniture seem smaller. *Warm colors* are red, orange, yellow. Like fire and sunset, they're stimulating and cheerful. They're *advancing* colors, make walls seem closer, emphasize the size of a chair.

Clear, bright colors are in the large circle. Note their names, for each is the parent of a whole family of variations. You'll want to call them by their family name.

Dark variations are known as *shades* (pure color plus black). *Tints* can be made by adding white to any of the colors in the large circle. Color variations may have nondescript names: light red is often called pink, and dark red is maroon, but all are in the red family.

Dull or grayed variations are in the small circle. Actually there could be hundreds more for each of the parent colors, ranging between the clear color and the neutral gray in the center of the wheel.

How to plan a color scheme? It's easy. Forget the mumbo-jumbo and you'll find that all you do is combine three or four colors that go well together. For best results, you'll want to know your colors and follow these simple rules:

Every scheme needs the contrast of something dull, something bright, something dark, and something light. (See why the color terms are important?)

First, pick the colors for your walls and floor covering because they're the biggest areas of color. Floor coverings are usually the dull or dark color. Walls may be dark or light. Then pick colors for your draperies, upholstery, and slipcovers. These colors should be dull, dark, or light. Finally, choose one bright color for accents.

Stick to three colors in your floor covering, walls, furniture, and draperies. Add dashes of a single bright color. Don't be afraid to repeat the same colors over and over. Repetition ties your room together. And you can get variety with pattern, and with black and white.

Combine warm and cool colors for extra interest. But be sure to use them in different amounts so your scheme will have life.

Follow one of the three basic color-scheme plans: one color, related colors, or contrasting colors. All schemes are variations of these three types. Here, again, it's the color wheel that will help you pick the right combination. These pictures show how.

How to be your own skilled decorator

A study lesson on this article, with related pictures and text, is available as one of a series on how to do your own decorating. See the "How-to Helps" feature on page 90 for details on series and how to get it. Next month: Furniture periods.

One color—and its variations

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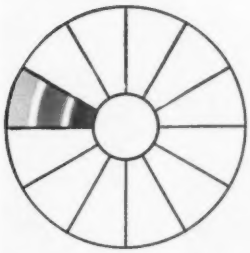
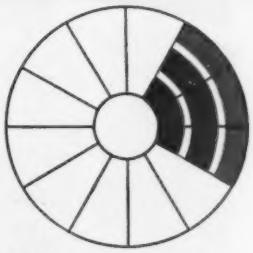
Contrasting or opposite colors

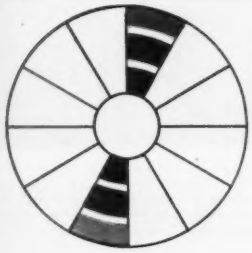


Use tints, shades, and grayed tones of a single color, and you get a monochromatic scheme. It's restful but not monotonous when you have dramatic contrasts of dark and light and accents of clear color. Here there's added variety in the upholstery printed in brown (which is really a dull, very dark member of the basic yellow-orange family).

Related or neighboring colors

Combine colors side-by-side in the color wheel and you'll have a related-color scheme. (Or call it "analogous" if you want to impress the rest of your family!) Because neighboring colors are a lot alike, it's important to contrast dark and light, dull and bright. Note the effective touch of black. Flowers are exactly the right tint for an accent color in this combination by Decorator Marion Heuer.





Choose a pair of colors directly opposite in the color wheel and create a complementary-color scheme. It's not spelled like compliment, but the effect is just as pleasing. Using a pair of opposites just naturally means there'll be both warm and cool colors in the room. Let one dominate, perhaps in a mellow wall. White and black are neutrals and can be used in any contrasting-color scheme. Marion Heuer, decorator.

Photographs: Gottscho-Schleisner

New climbing rose will bloom lavishly first summer

Pink Cloud is a wholly delightful, new stiff-caned climbing or pillar rose that behaves like a floribunda. From early June on, new canes keep rising, each tipped with a big cluster of buds (see upper left). These open into double, deep pink roses of good form and the size of those on Blaze

New All-American flower champs

By Fleeta Brownell Woodroffe

You'll have reasons to boast—if you plant what we've picked out for you. You'll have the best. We've made the choice from advance trials of all the dazzling assembly of new flowers available for the first time this year.

Each flower on our list has that special something that puts it way out in front.

A lot of things went into our choosing. Each item on the list will perform quickly and dependably for you—we made certain of that. Each will fill some special need. Each excels in its class, is better than similar varieties you could buy last year.

Every one has bred-in sturdiness. None is expensive. They're, all of them, flowers to get excited about.

You'll get a lift from being the first in your neighborhood to grow these new flowers. And the more of them you grow, the more exciting it is.

Torch is like a meteor in the garden world, so few have seen anything like it. The family name is tithonia (tith-ON-ia). Allow a circle three feet across for each plant. Then expect mounds as tall as wide, studded with two-inch flowers redder than the brightest polished copper. The [*Turn to page 120*

Torch has everything—if you want to plant seed and get, by midsummer, big plants with bold color and no pests

Hollywood Hybrids are a brilliant new group of star-shaped, hardy garden lilies—tall, graceful, vigorous

Glitters surpasses all marigolds to date for size and perfection of chrysanthemum-like blooms

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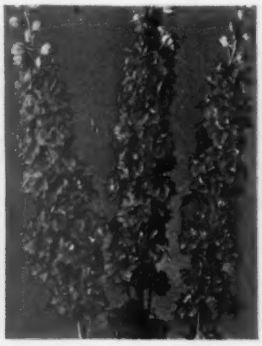
Burpee Hybrids, brand new in zinnias, have size, refinement of form, and a thrilling range of soft, rich colors for all tastes



Regal Rose in annual larkspur has sturdy columns of color that show up well indoors or out, and flowers very like small camellias

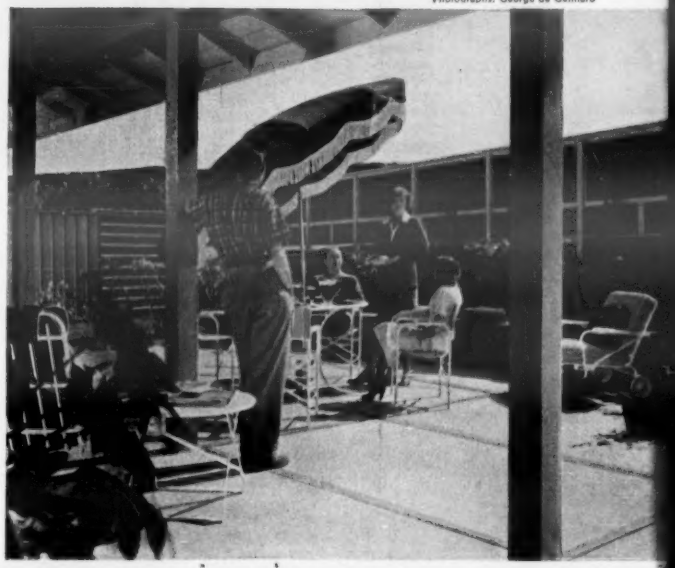
Phlox Beltsville Hybrids will bloom the first year from seed sown early, then stay on to become hardy perennial clumps

Fragrance is a sweetpea dream come true. Ruffled white flowers poise like butterflies and have strong, true sweetpea perfume

Smart looking, isn't it? For privacy from traffic and other street activity, window areas on the street side are held to a minimum, but the redwood siding and bright color around the entrance door prevent any feeling of blankness

Over-all dimensions: 50x56 feet
Architect: Edwin A. Wadsworth, A.I.A.

Photographs: George de Gennaro



Open porch off the living room on the rear and side of the house is a shady lounging spot on hot days. Floor is concrete poured in squares between 2x4 wood forms. Ceiling of porch follows slope of roof

Dramatic window wall opens living and dining areas to porch and garden. Sliding glass doors in the center give ready access to the rear yard

Storage partition at right divides entry hall from dining end of living area. Of plywood given a warm cherry finish, this storage unit holds china and glassware on this side, guests' coats on other

Better Homes & Gardens Five Star Home No. 2101 is

Big enough to grow in,

small enough to pay for

By John Normile, Architect-Editor

To you who are dreaming about building a new house, good appearance and a fine plan are the most important things to watch for.

But if you're ready to build now, you are probably wallet-minded, and also interested in getting the most space for your money.

If you fall in either group (and if you don't, we don't know where to put you), you'll like *Better Homes & Gardens* Five Star Home No. 2101. It was erected by the economy-minded David D. Bohannon Organization, and furnished with costs in mind by Macy's of San Francisco. It's a smart-looking house from any side, it has an excellent L-shaped floor plan, and there are justifiable economies everywhere.

You save, for example, with the plan itself. The entrance is in the crook of the L. From this point you can go either to the bedrooms or the kitchen through a minimum of hallway. The living room acts as a buffer between the quiet bedroom wing and the noisier service wing, but is not in the line of traffic between the two wings.

You save on the location of the bathroom. Though it is in the bedroom wing, it is so near the front hall that it also serves as a powder room, eliminating the need for a second set of fixtures.

You save on the cost of a separate utility room. In a jog off the garage, there's space planned for laundry equipment, heating plant, and water heater. Your washing machine is exactly one step from the drying yard, and the kitchen door is only four steps away. If you're worried about washing in the garage in the winter, remember that the heat from your furnace or boiler will keep that corner comfortable. It will also keep the whole garage warm enough so your car will start instantly—an important saving on gas and motor wear. [*Turn to page 92*

You can buy complete plans for any Better Homes & Gardens 5 STAR home

How a home can be a comfort—

not a constant care

By Martha B. Darbyshire

From bedroom you get this view of the patio at night. Window walls give this small home its illusion of spaciousness. Patio is paved with tree rounds

Dining area enjoys a view. Molded plywood chairs and webbed reading chair are really comfortable

House is wrapped around three sides of a patio that brings light and garden colors to the living room, hall, and bedroom. Beige rug is used in living room; parquet elsewhere

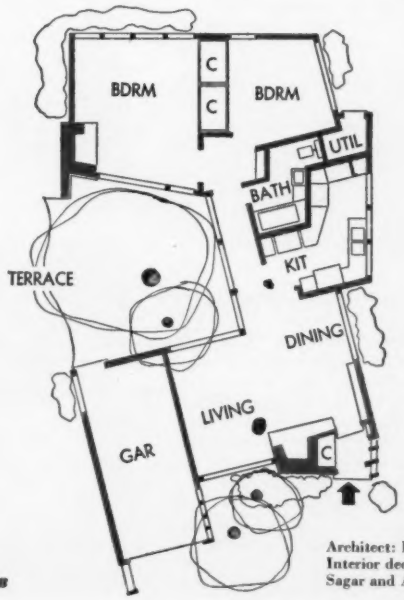
Photographs: George de Gennaro

Practicality doesn't rule out good color. Green-and-beige basket-weave pattern of upholstered chairs brings out rich tones of combed-redwood walls. Clerestory windows, sloping ceiling add to apparent room size. Sofa: chairs side by side

It's a wonderful idea for beginners who have to count their pennies. It's what many people are seeking after years of trying to keep a cluttered house looking orderly. It's the answer if you furnish with growing youngsters in mind. Some people call it functional Modern; but others—who've discovered what it can do for small homes—call it commonsense living.

You don't have to know the definition of functional to know a good chair when you sit in one, or a desk that's easy to dust, or a room that stays neat and colorful without primping. The George Kirshbaums of Los Angeles will tell you that. They chose furnishings that look well in their home, and more important, are as efficient as the house.

The Kirshbaum's home is small; the impression of spaciousness you get is the result of skillful planning. Although the lot is only 38x75 feet, the outdoor living area is placed where it does the most good. The patio lengthens vistas in the living room, dining area, hall, and bedroom. And furnishings preserve the airiness created by large glass areas; chairs and tables are light-lined, small-scaled. Even color is carefully proportioned to the size of the house; it plays an amiable second fiddle to natural wood tones. In all, this house gives you a good idea of what modern decorating can do to make a home *live* well.



Architect: Frederick Monhoff; Interior decoration by Carroll Sagar and Associates

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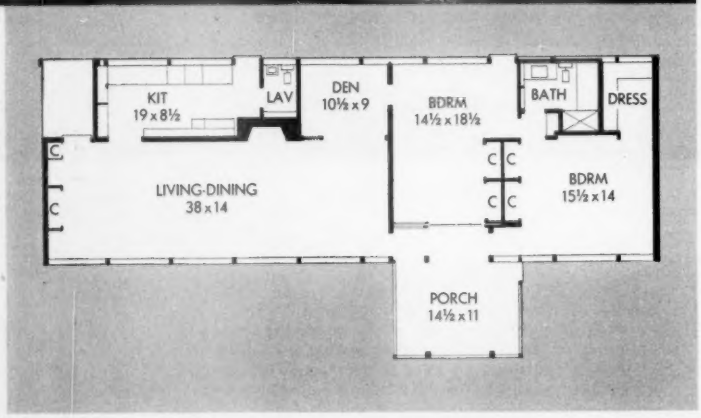
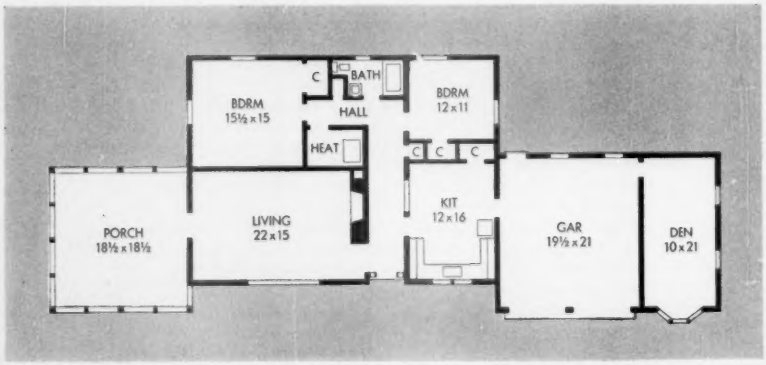


In Florida, the emphasis is on glass and openness

Along the Gulf Coast where Sarasota and the Siegrist house are located, snow is unknown. If the temperature reaches 32 degrees, it's headline news. So heat control is the most important need in residential architecture.

Architects Twitchell and Rudolph use huge expanses of glass to let in ocean and bay views, sweeping overhangs to keep the high sun off glass, and high sloping ceilings to let warm air rise and drift outdoors. The few partitions necessary for privacy don't obstruct the flow of air through the house.



Iowa fights temperature extremes

The broad plains country from the Rockies to the Great Lakes has no regional architecture of its own. The W. W. Humphrey house in Des Moines, for example, has low, long lines that hug the plain it rests on. It has a large screened porch, open on three sides, for days when the temperature gets above 100.

But in wise deference to the occasional 20-below-zero winds that sweep in unbroken, the house features a fireplace and conservative use of glass. Since no material is native, it relies on the universal brick, with a wood shingle roof for texture and tone.

Here are seven good homes

An around-the-country pictorial tour of what we're building today

How often, when you are studying house plans, do you say, "That one is fine for *there*, but we couldn't build it *here*!"?

To show how wrong you can be, here are seven top-notch homes from across the nation. Each fits its own area very well. But there is not a single home here that you couldn't build almost anywhere in America, with pride and satisfaction.

That's because improved techniques in heating, insulation, standardization of units have pretty well licked local production and climate problems.

By Theodore H. Kimble and Mort Reed, Jr.

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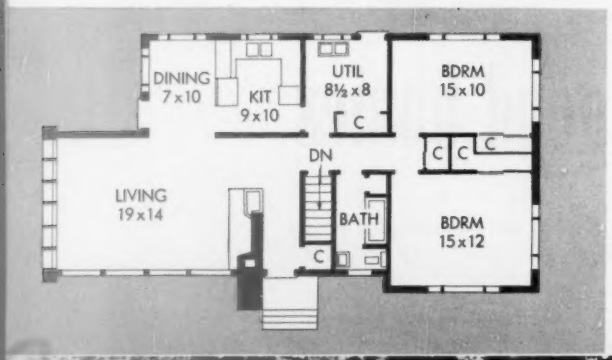
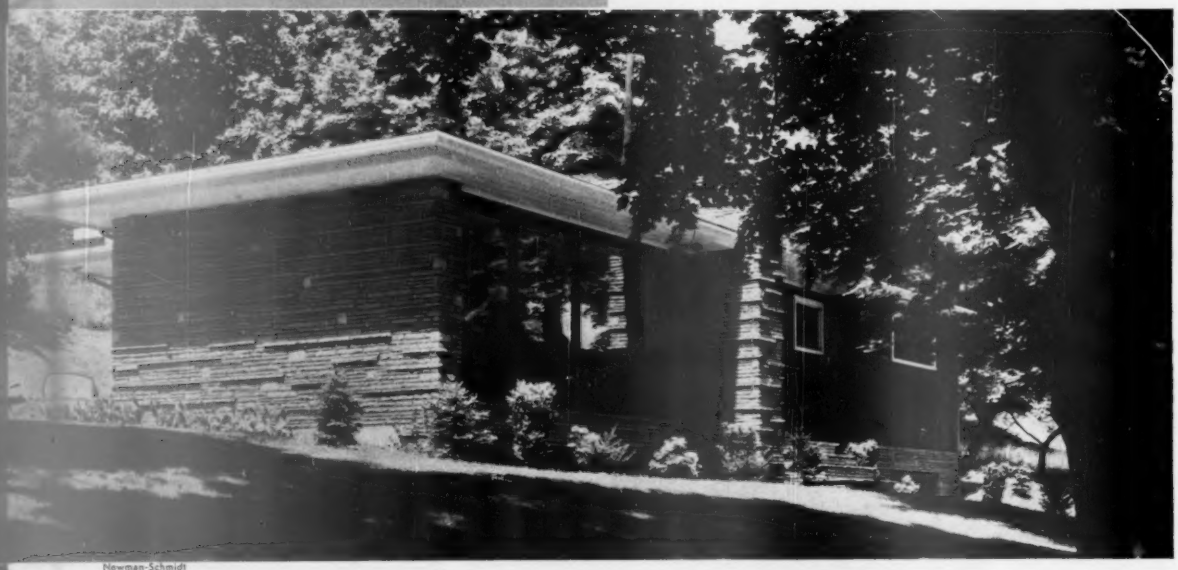


In Pennsylvania, you see stone and rolling hills

Long a stronghold of traditional homes, the Eastern states have more of a terrain problem than a temperature problem. In Castle Shannon, where the house E. M. Ghezzi designed for his brother is located, hilly, wooded sites are common and building stone is abundant. Here thin slabs of ledge rock are combined with wood, and a basement garage is tucked into the slope under the bedrooms. As in the rest of the country, vertical panels of glass light the living room, and broad overhangs under a low-pitched roof protect the glass from the weather.



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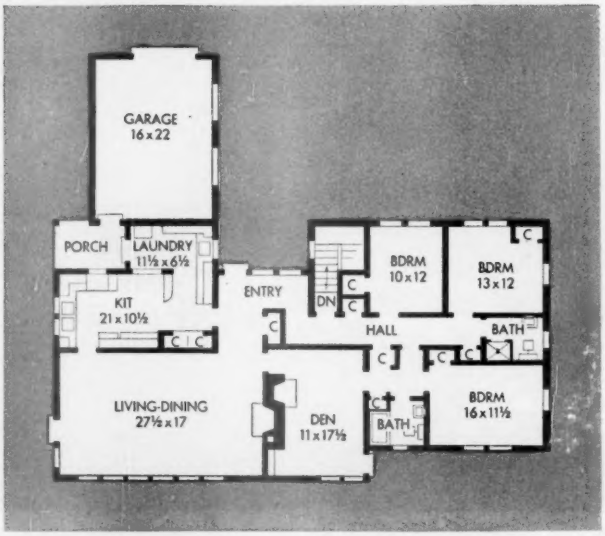
Vermont means weathered wood, rocks, and views

If you've never been in upper New England, you may think Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine are made up of small, white hamlets isolated by mountains from other small hamlets and the world in general. It's a pleasant thought, but no longer true.

Today you see houses like this one in Burlington, by Architects Freeman, French, & Freeman, resting on the rises or sleeping on the slopes of the Green Mountains. You find as much glass as you would in Indiana or Utah, here aimed at stony streams, green valleys, birch-covered hills. You see one-story houses, most with gable roofs but a few with flat ones, taking their places among story-and-a-half Colonials. You see natural-wood exteriors matching the neutral tones of rocks. Planwise, rooms still huddle together, each with its own view and privacy.



Maynard L. Parker

In Arizona, shut out sun and daytime heat

Climate dictates design in Southwestern houses. Sun must be kept not only out of rooms but off glass. Windows are set in banks for good light; casements corral the breeze and direct it into the house.

In the Schimmel house in Tucson, by Architects Richard Morse and William Peters, planning is less open than in moist climates, since houses are closed against the heat during the day, but opened to receive the coolness of the night breeze off the desert. Adobe and stone—again native materials—are good protection against burning heat and drifting sand. Colors are pale, but strong shadows give houses punch and vigor.

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Richard Garrison

How to plant around your house

You can save yourself money and avoid that overgrown look by choosing plants that suit your corners, porches, and windows

Victor H. Ries

Wintercreeper vine may be your answer for narrow strip between a porch and walk or drive. Good in sun or shade, it has smooth, evergreen leaves, showy pale pink fruits. It can be trained to creep on the ground or to climb a brick or concrete foundation

Perspective and understanding are the keys to happy results when planning your own foundation planting—for a new or old home.

Are you concealing the foundation, softening hard lines of house at corners, uniting your home with its setting?

In practice, less planting is needed where the floor level is near the ground. Planting should continue across the front only where the house has a high foundation. No tall-growing plants should be used under or near windows. The house should appear to rest solidly on the ground, not on a vague something hidden behind a mass of shrubbery.

Low-growing shrubs or evergreens are wise for most homes. They can be kept in bounds without severe cutting, and won't smother your house when mature.

Most shrubs require uniform soil moisture, summer and winter, and evergreens will die quickly under dry conditions. Many will be stunted if drainage is poor.

The average shrub or evergreen must have a least half a day of full sunlight to grow well. A few thrive in shade, but may not flower and fruit as well.

The dwarf Mugho Pine is a good, globe-shaped evergreen for planting near small porches without rails. The Mugho needs sun. A low shrub or evergreen is more satisfactory than pyramidal and spreading varieties

Informal, spreading branches of Pfitzer Juniper will emphasize ground-hugging lines of low house. Control height by disjointing branches which tend to grow upright at the stem joints. Plant at least 30 inches out

Try Regal Privet for corners of a Ranch-type house, in sun or shade. Hardy, quick-growing, with small, white flowers in early June, it has neat, horizontal branches, grows to 4 or 5 feet. Most homeowners plant taller shrubs near corners. But for best results, plant kinds that will not grow taller than the middle of the nearby doors or windows

Dwarf shrubs like Garland Spirea are good for planting near porches with a rail. Keep porch plantings not more than 4 or 5 feet wide. Your taller shrubs at corners may well be lower than the porch rail, and spreading kinds should be avoided. Try a graceful vine for porch privacy

Coralberry, a 3-footer with purplish-red berries in fall and small, yellowish-white flowers in July, is good near bay windows. Such windows are often used for growing plants indoors, shouldn't be screened with tall shrubs. Plant low shrubs out from overhang

More ideas and list of varieties on page 108

Low porches with but a step from ground to porch need little planting. A neat bed of groundcover 2 to 3 feet wide is sufficient. Compact, upright Columnberry, which grows to 3 or 4 feet, can be attractive at porch corners, needs little care, is soil tolerant

Photograph: Eric M. Sanford

Chair lift: Nothing to think about but the wild blue yonder as you climb a mountain sitting down

Scenic, scary, but safe.

What makes a vacation fun? The things you do that you couldn't do at home.

What makes a vacation exciting? The things you do you never dreamed of doing.

What makes a vacation relaxing? The things you do to break monotony and banish tension.

What makes a vacation successful? The things you do together as a family.

What makes a vacation memorable? The things you have to talk about when you get back home.

By any and all of these yardsticks, you won't be getting your vacation's worth next summer if you don't take your foot off the gas, throw away your 600-mile-a-day schedule, and "take a break" a couple of times a day. And take it from us and the thousands of families who'll discover them this summer, there's no break, no change of pace, no antidote to boredom, no "let-me-tell-it-Pop" adventure like a family junket on a hair-raising, scenic "ride."

Swaying in an aero-car across a churning whirlpool, whizzing over the toe of a glacier in a glassed-in snowmobile, rubbernecking at mountains from a cog railway or an incline—these are the sort of adventures that make Swiss Family Robinsons out of City Family Smiths, and Baron Munchausens out of Casper Milquetoasts.

It doesn't matter where you're going on your vacation; it's a safe bet there's a family thriller of some sort en route or just a few miles off the highway.

Want to dangle in midair high over trees and yawning chasms? Then stop for a breather and ride a chair lift up a mountain. Though built primarily [*Turn to page 100*

Throw in a Thriller on your next vacation!

By Henry and Vera Bradshaw

The kids will love them— and you'll find you aren't so old yourself!

Paul A. Moore

Incline: Nearest thing to straight up is one on Lookout Mountain, Chattanooga

Eric M. Sanford

Skimobile: All aboard for Mount Cranmore in the White Mountains

Eric M. Sanford

Aerial tramway: Going to heaven in a basket: Cannon Mountain, New Hampshire

Henry Bradshaw

Aero-car: They don't encourage you to go over Niagara in a barrel any more. But aerial ride across whirlpool, downstream from falls, is just as scary. Besides, you can see where you're going—if you can bear to look

Josef Muench

Canyon close-up: It doesn't look the same from the top. If you want to tell tall stories when you get back home about the Grand Canyon or wonders like it, take a mulcback trip into depths where autos never go

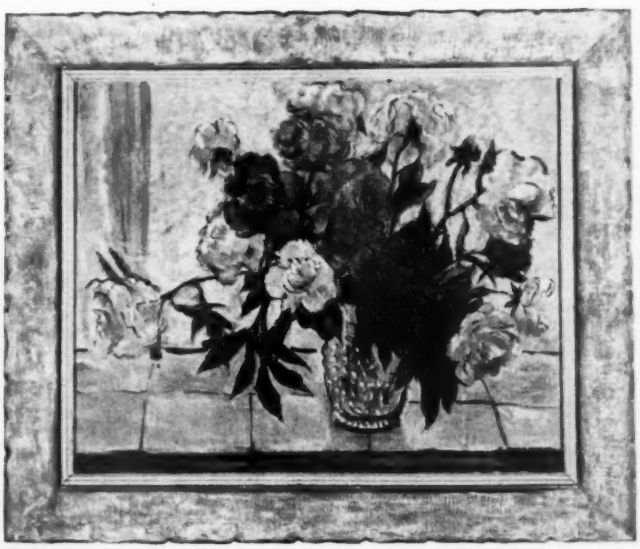
If you've studied flower arranging, you may have been warned against using yellow-reds and magenta tones together. Eugene Speicher, the famous flower painter, shows that you can do it if you follow Nature's way of blending them with white, gray-blue, leaf green. Note that gray-blue is background color

Make your flowers pretty as a picture

By Fae Huttenlocher

Photographs: Donnelley

Lilacs and ranunculus are seasonal companions in the garden, so Roberta Humeres combines them in an earth-colored bowl. She places the roundheaded ranunculus at the base of the arrangement with lilacs high above, as they grow. This gives a natural feeling



Have you ever arranged peonies in a water pitcher? Henry Varnum Poor puts the lush, heavy-headed flowers in a large hobnail-glass pitcher. His arrangement is loose and has a feeling of the freedom in which flowers grow. Cluster of dark peonies, leaves makes center of interest

One simple way to arrange flowers attractively is to follow the guidance of an artist.

How to do it? It doesn't mean you have to take private lessons from an authority. What it does mean is this: Choose a painting or print of a flower arrangement that pleases you. Then see how the artist does it.

How does he combine flowers and colors? How long does he make the stems? Where does he place the flowers? What type of bowls does he use?

Now follow the pattern. Use your ingenuity. You may be able to get the same effect with different flowers.

These photographs were taken at the Toledo, Ohio, Museum. There, garden clubs gathered a group of famous flower pictures and hung them in model room-settings.

See if these paintings suggest new ways for you to arrange flowers, help you make your own flower arrangements just as pretty as a picture.

Most of the time you see roses arranged by themselves. But why not combine them with other garden flowers as they naturally grow? Here Painter Maurice Vlaminck has done just that. For a container he uses a simple pitcher. He uses heavier round flowers low, lighter spiky flowers high in the arrangement. Notice, too, how the painting harmonizes with the furniture

DARK WALLS

Rich color like this coral makes your hall friendly as a handshake. But be sure the color you pick is deep and mellow—not drab or mousy. You don't spend much time in a hall, so the brighter the color, the better.

Earth brown is none too dark if you use it this way. Walls, draperies, upholstery are deep, harmonizing browns and blues. Beige carpet plus wood tones bring contrast. Then the white picture frame and the coral napkins touch off the whole scheme.

Let your walls match the background color of your draperies if you want a restful setting like this. Beige of carpet, blue of upholstery are in the draperies, too. That ties room together. Coral from hall comes into living room as a gay accent.

—all through the house

By Florence Byerly

There's no price tag on color. Rich color is no more expensive than drab color. And you can have those dark walls you admire for just the price of the paint. Dark walls are easy to scheme from, too. They're versatile enough to look right in any room — from your front door all through your home. The only rule is to use medium-light color for contrast and a dash of brilliant color or white for accent. So pick smart, deep shades of the colors you like. You can plan schemes as inviting and livable as these.

Photographs: Hedrich-Blessing

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Dark walls— all through the house

continued

Dark walls in a small bedroom? Of course. They won't make it look any bigger, but they will make the room more interesting and more fun to live in. See how rich blue walls set wood colors glowing and add sparkle to yellows and beige.

Green is what you'd call a restful color. So rich green walls are a natural for your bedroom. See how they dramatize cherry furniture and colors picked from that drapery pattern—light green, melon, beige. White lamps are the sharp accent you need.

House designed by Lyle Zisler & Associates and decorated by the J. L. Hudson Company, Detroit, Michigan
Photographed by Hedrich-Blessing

For help with your decorating, visit a Home Planning Center operated in cooperation with Better Homes & Gardens. They're listed on page 96.

BEEF: Hearty beef stock, pieces of beef, fine vegetables and barley. Hefty!

Beef Soup — Baked Macaroni Casserole
Lettuce—Russian Dressing
Coffee

Beef stock in these

Just about everyone likes the good taste of beef. Here are seven soups, made with beef stock or with beef prominent.

BEEF (Illustrated at left)

BEEF NOODLE: Deep-flavored beef stock, pieces of beef, egg noodles.

BOUILLON: (Beef Broth) A clear broth delightfully flavored with vegetables.

CONSOMMÉ: Beef broth, accented with tomato, celery, carrots, herbs, and strained to a clear amber.

OX TAIL: Good beef stock, meaty ox tail joints, barley and vegetables. This is a robust, English-style soup.

VEGETABLE: Lots of different garden vegetables in a full-bodied beef stock.

VEGETABLE-BEEF: Vegetables, barley, tender pieces of beef, in a rich beef stock. A "square-meal" soup!

ANNE MARSHALL
Director Home Economics
Campbell Soup Company

SOUPS

Which are your favorites?
Which ones are new to you?
Which would you like to try next?

by Anne Marshall

America is becoming more and more a soup-loving nation. Indeed, a recent U.S. survey shows that every day 27 million people eat soup for lunch. With soup being *served* so frequently, more and more different soups are being *tried*—such as beef, clam chowder and many others. Each, of course, differs in recipe, in ingredients and in cookery—to vary your meals delightfully. Yes, soup's a delicious, nourishing and economical way to feed your family well. You can "soup-shop" *right here*, on this page.

Soups with a Chicken Stock

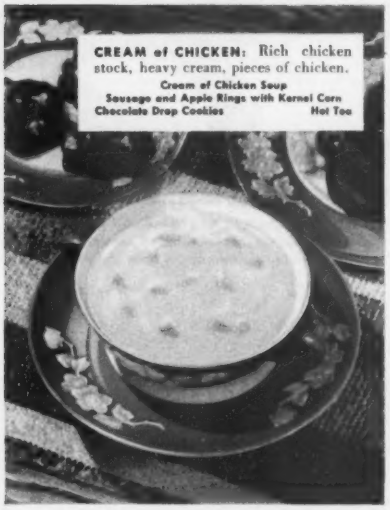
Four soups with but a single thought—to give you the fine flavor of chicken you like so well: one with rice, one with vegetables, one with noodles, and one with cream.

CHICKEN with RICE: Chicken-rich broth, fluffy rice, tender pieces of chicken. A great all-the-family soup.

CREAM of CHICKEN (Illustrated below)

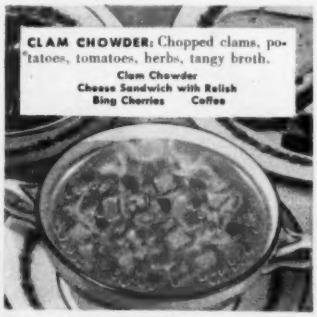
CHICKEN GUMBO: Rich chicken stock, vegetables, pieces of chicken, savory seasoning. An Old New Orleans favorite.

CHICKEN NOODLE: Hearty chicken broth, golden egg noodles, pieces of chicken. A popular "best-seller".



CREAM of CHICKEN: Rich chicken stock, heavy cream, pieces of chicken.

Cream of Chicken Soup
Sausage and Apple Rings with Kernel Corn
Chocolate Drop Cookies — Hot Tea



CLAM CHOWDER: Chopped clams, potatoes, tomatoes, herbs, tangy broth.

Clam Chowder
Cheese Sandwich with Relish
Bing Cherries — Coffee

Other thick and hearty soups

You'll choose one of these when you're seeking a delicious, substantial, yet different soup.

BEAN with BACON: An old-fashioned thick bean soup, plump beans, flavored with bacon. A hearty "he-man" soup.

CLAM CHOWDER (Illustrated above)

PEPPER POT: Pieces of meat, macaroni, vegetables, and substantial meat stock make this fine Early American-type soup.

SCOTCH BROTH: A hearty main-dish soup, prepared with choice mutton, barley and vegetables. A *soup*—not a *broth!*

Principally vegetable

Each of these seven soups owes its special goodness to one or more vegetables, as its main ingredient. Soups here will help you when you're planning meatless meals.

CREAM of ASPARAGUS: A smooth purée of choice fresh asparagus, and creamery butter, with tender asparagus tips.

BLACK BEAN: Delicious purée of fine black beans, expertly seasoned. Once enjoyed only at famous restaurants.

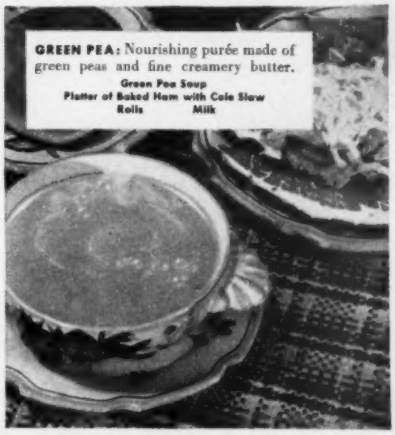
CREAM of CELERY: Crisp garden celery, extra-heavy whipping cream, delicate cuts of celery.

CREAM of MUSHROOM: Cultivated mushrooms blended with extra-heavy whipping cream; mushroom pieces.

GREEN PEA (Illustrated in the menu below)

TOMATO: America's favorite soup. Luscious tomatoes, creamery butter, gentle seasoning.

VEGETARIAN VEGETABLE: A fine, flavorful vegetable soup, luscious garden vegetables, mingled in a delightful vegetable broth.



GREEN PEA: Nourishing purée made of green peas and fine creamery butter.

Green Pea Soup
Platter of Baked Ham with Cole Slaw
Rolls — Milk

Pig Hocks and Apple. You can see all the tender meat there is on pig hocks. With them have glazed apple rings and fluffy rutabaga

Big-supper soup. This is old-time Split-pea Soup. Steaming *hot*, seasoned just right. Serve it from a big tureen on a cold winter's night

Deep-dish Chicken Pie. Wonderful, tender chicken and rich gravy bubble up around the biscuits when casserole comes from the oven

Good old country cooking

Down-on-the-farm breakfast. And that means ham slices fried in the skillet, eggs fried tender and just right, crisp fresh-fried potatoes

Bean-pot Beans. This is the way Mother baked them. In the old brown pot, slow-baked, seasoned richly. Eat with brown bread

Short Ribs and Onion Gravy. Brown the short ribs and cook as you would pot roast. Onion gravy is rich, brown, full of onion slices

By Myrna Johnston
Photograph: Kuoni

The country kitchen has long been a symbol of *good cooking*. Nothing fancy about country cooking. Just wonderfully good food. Old-fashioned pan rolls, flaky-crusted pies, high biscuits, rich soups, and fine, meaty gravies. And from the cellar, such choice treats as peach pickles, rosy crabapples, and jars and jars of crisp cucumber pickles, preserves, jams, and shimmering jellies.

The country cook is a plain cook. Country-cooked foods have honest flavors.

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Old-fashioned pot roast

Remember the old-fashioned Sunday roast—so tender you cut it with a fork? And the brown potatoes, carrots, onions . . . and rich, brown gravy?

The good cook browns the meat carefully on all sides in a Dutch oven, pressure saucepan, or deep skillet, then adds a little liquid, just the right seasonings. The lid goes on tightly; the old-time Sunday roast cooks to absolute perfection.

An old-fashioned meal goes to the table. So expertly cooked and seasoned, it's a delicious feast.

Talk to your meat man about the best buys. You can get a blade bone, round bone, chuck, boneless neck, rump, heel of round, or thick end of brisket pot roast. Look below for meal ideas.

Sunday Best

MAIN DISH	VEGETABLE	SALAD OR ACCOMPANIMENT	DESSERT	NICE TO SERVE
Chuck or Rump Pot Roast* Brown Gravy*	Carrots Whole Onions Brown Potatoes	Tossed Vegetable Salad Clear Garlic Dressing French Bread	Baked Prune Whip* With Whipped Cream or Custard Sauce	Chilled Pineapple Juice Coffee

Let the roast cook in the oven while you go to church. That's the good, old-fashioned way. About 45 minutes to 1 hour before serving time, add the vegetables. Dessert can go in at the same time; it bakes at the same temperature. Last 20 minutes or so, slide the French loaf into the oven to heat. Last minute, toss the salad and make the gravy—while guests sip pineapple juice.

Whole Meal in a Roaster

Standing Rump Pot Roast*	Sweet Potatoes	Spiced Apricots and Prunes Jellied Vegetable Salad*	Coconut Cream Pie	Tomato Juice Cocktail

You could bake the pie shell at the same time you're browning the roast in the oven. Then the roast cooks very slowly (300°) about 3 hours. You add dried fruits and sweet potatoes to cook for another 30 minutes, or until they are tender. You can do this in an old-fashioned covered roaster or use your Dutch oven or deep, tightly lidded skillet. Heat some rolls in the oven, too.

Family Night

Blade Pot Roast With Corn-meal Dumplings*	Green Beans With Onions	Calico Salad* Dressing	Winter Ambrosia Big Sugar Cookies	Celery Soup Crisp Wafers Hot Coffee

The family troops in from the chilly outdoors to a nice, warm kitchen and catches a whiff of savory pot roast cooking on top of the range. Just before they're ready to eat, you drop the dumplings into the big kettle to simmer. While they cook for 15 minutes, you cook the beans and fix the salad. Dessert can be waiting in the refrigerator all ready to serve with cookies.

Extra-Quick Pot Roast

Beef Arm Pot Roast With Noodles*	Broccoli or Buttered Cabbage	Molded Grapefruit Salad* Crusty Rolls	Date-Tapioca Pudding*	Hot Consomme Celery and Olives Jellied Cranberry Slices

This roast is extra-quick because you fix it in your pressure saucepan. Arm pot roast is a good size for the pressure pan. Cook the noodles in boiling, salted water; drain. Make plenty of brown gravy for them. Unmold the salads and heat the consomme while meat cooks. If you fix the salads and pudding in the morning, you can cook meat and vegetables in 45 minutes.

Photograph: H i Williams

Thrifty

Chili Pot Roast*	Lima Beans	Cole Slaw Whole-wheat Bread	Gingerbread Hot Lemon Sauce*	Tea or Coffee Crisp Pickle Slices

Soak Limas overnight. Cook the roast on top of range or in the oven 1 hour. Then add Limas and continue the slow cooking till meat and Limas are tender. Bake the gingerbread from packaged mix and serve it warm with plenty of lemon sauce. The cabbage for the slaw will stay crisp if you put it with ice cubes as you shred it. Drain it; toss it with your favorite dressing.

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Comice

Fall Russet (Bosc)

Anjou

Delicious ways with winter pears

Nelis

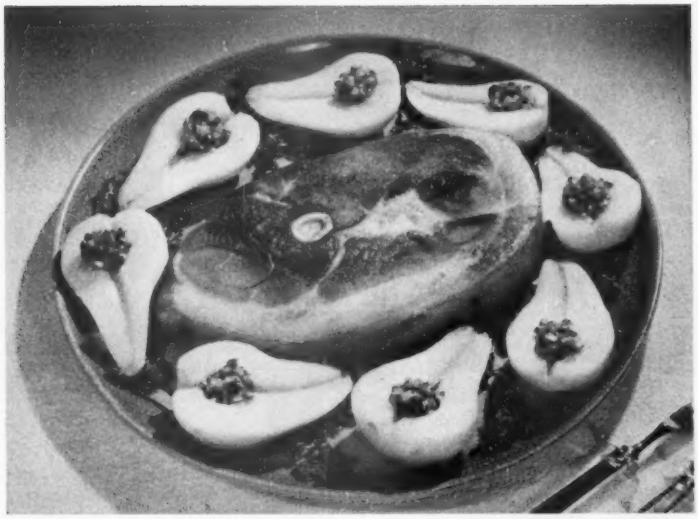
By Betsy McCracken

One good way to bring fresh, new flavor to your midwinter meals is with juicy pears. Serve them plain with a sprinkle of lemon juice or with a nippy cheese and crisp, hot crackers. Bake a luscious fresh pear pie or gingerbread upside-down cake. Or spice them for your relish tray.

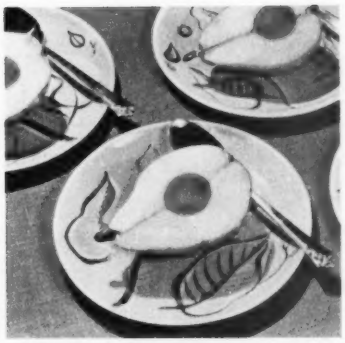
The pictures above show you the variety of fresh fall and winter pears you'll find on the market. The plump, tender Comice—perfect for salads and out-of-hand eating. The slim, juicy Fall Russet. The full-flavored, green- to yellow-skinned Anjou. The small, russet Nelis—extra sweet. The delicious Bartletts, not shown, come in the late summer and early fall. You can buy them canned or glassed all year round.

Pear Upside-down Cake. Top's pear and walnut halves in a rich caramel sauce. Underneath is delicately spiced gingerbread. Serve with a frill of fluffy cream cheese. You can use the fresh Anjou or Fall Russet or canned pear halves

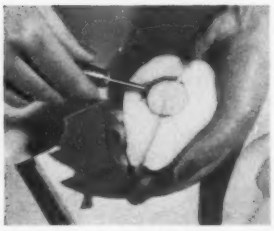
Pear-crisp Pie. Here's a fresh-fruit pie you can make in the middle of winter. For extra flavor, you add a little nutmeg, a little lemon peel and juice to the pear slices. Any variety of fall or winter pears will make a delicious pie



Cranberry-stuffed Pears. An easy garnish, perfect with a slice of tender ham. Fill the center of canned pear halves with a spoonful of bright red cranberry relish



Spoon Pears. Halve and core Comice or Anjou pears. Drizzle with lemon juice. Eat melon-style



For neat-looking pear halves, core them with a melon-ball cutter or a teaspoon

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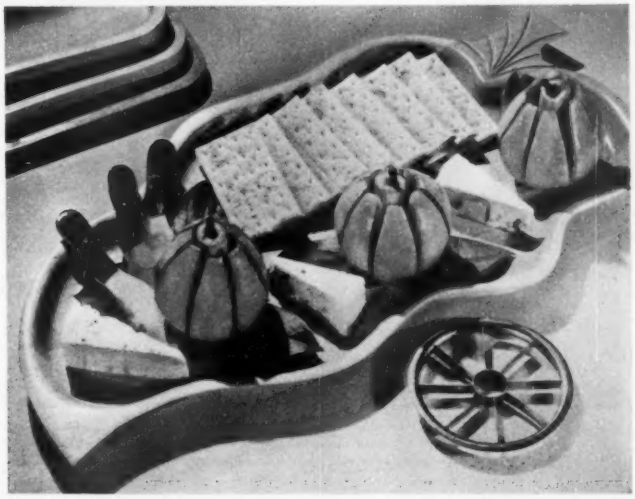
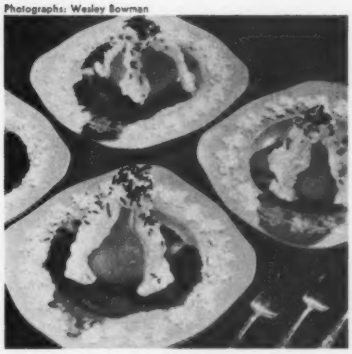


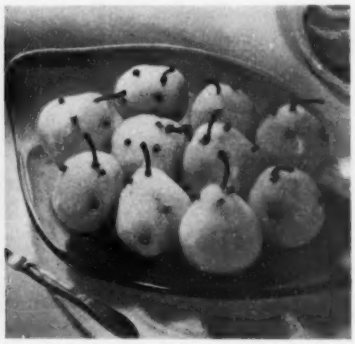
Pear-cheese tray. The perfect dessert or late-evening snack. Slice Anjou or Comice pears. Serve with crackers and cheese. Gadget, lower right, cores and slices pears with one motion

Photographs: Wesley Bowman



Baked Pears. A luscious dessert worthy of company. Spoon whipped cream over baked Fall Russet or Anjou pears. Top with tiny chocolate candies

Gingered Pears. Canned pear slices take on delicious new flavor when you simmer them in a sauce spiced with ginger. Try with a chow-mein dinner



Spiced Pears. As simple a thing as a dish of pears, richly spiced, makes a meal a success. Wonderful to go along with a tender pork roast or a ham loaf

There's plenty of elbowroom in this kitchen. Family can pick up a snack or kibitz behind the breakfast bar. Roll-up-door cabinet across the room stores spices and small items in space that's usually wasted. Half-round shelves keep toaster, sandwich grill, and waffle baker handy. Red plastic counter top contrasts with the white steel cabinets, is cushioned to protect dishes and to cut down on noise in the kitchen

Maple cutting board tops this base cabinet to make a handy spot for sandwich- and saladmaking next to the refrigerator. Maple top reduces kitchen clatter. You'll use this space for breadmaking, too

Ventilated corner bin slides vegetables out in the light. You can keep up to 20 pounds of potatoes and onions or store trays in once-wasted space. The steel bin pulls all the way out for easy cleaning

New kitchen cabinets—

- *Mean less work, more convenience for you*
- *Cut waste space so every inch of cabinet room counts*
- *Bring new color, bold or pastel, into the kitchen*

By Doris Adams

Your kitchen cabinets can make the difference between a bright, cheery, easy-to-work-in room and a drab, inefficient one. So whether you're considering building a new kitchen or rejuvenating an old, take a look at what the new cabinets offer.

Kitchen cabinets, 1951 style, are planned to fit your needs and space. *Peninsula bars* make a handy place for snacks, are a simple way to divide kitchen from laundry, eating nook, or the youngsters' play corner. *Practical counter tops* keep their brand-new look through spills, splashes, and stains. *Swing-out or merry-go-round shelves* put once-wasted corner space to work. Check these new cabinets with your kitchen needs.

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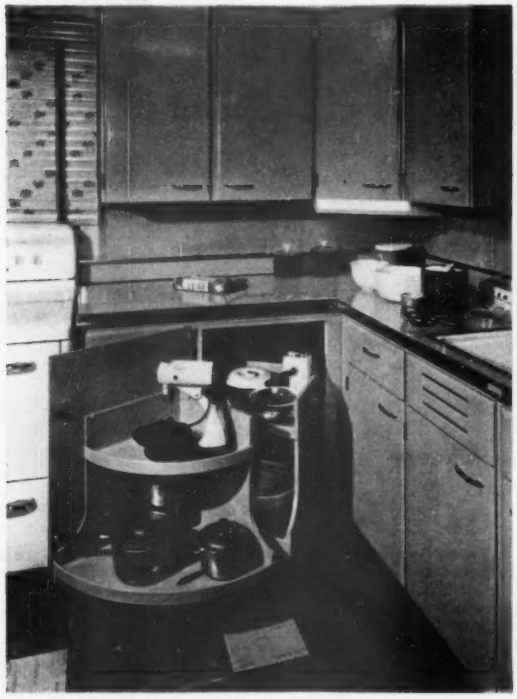


Merry-go-round shelves will put the mixing bowls right at your finger tips, take advantage of the space in the corner. Maple-finished cabinets with Early American hardware make the kitchen warm and homey. Same green linoleum covers counter top, shelves

Double shelves on the right swing back into the corner to make way for the ones on the left. They hold pans, large equipment. Corner light under the cabinets spotlights the bright yellow counter top. Enameled-wood cabinets come, too, in blue, gray, tan, white

Big, he-man sandwiches

Tuna Skillet Sandwich

Jumbo Burger

The Big Cheese

Photographs: Photography, Inc.

Tuna Skillet Sandwich. Combine 1 cup tuna, ½ cup chopped celery, 2 teaspoons lemon juice, salt, and paprika, and ¼ cup mayonnaise. Spread 4 slices of bread with butter, then with tuna mix.

Top each with a cheese slice and a bread slice. Dip into mixture of 2 eggs beaten with 1 cup milk. Brown in butter in skillet.

Jumbo Burger. Combine 1 pound ground beef, 1 teaspoon salt, 2 tablespoons minced onion, ¼ cup water, 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce, and a little pepper. Mix.

Shape into 6 or 8 patties. Broil or grill in skillet. Serve on buttered buns. Onion ring is filled with catsup, above. Add crisp waffle fries and a pickle, and pitch in!

The Big Cheese. For each sandwich, trim crusts from a slice of bread and toast it on one side. Spread untoasted side with mayonnaise or salad dressing. Top with tomato slice. Sprinkle with salt.

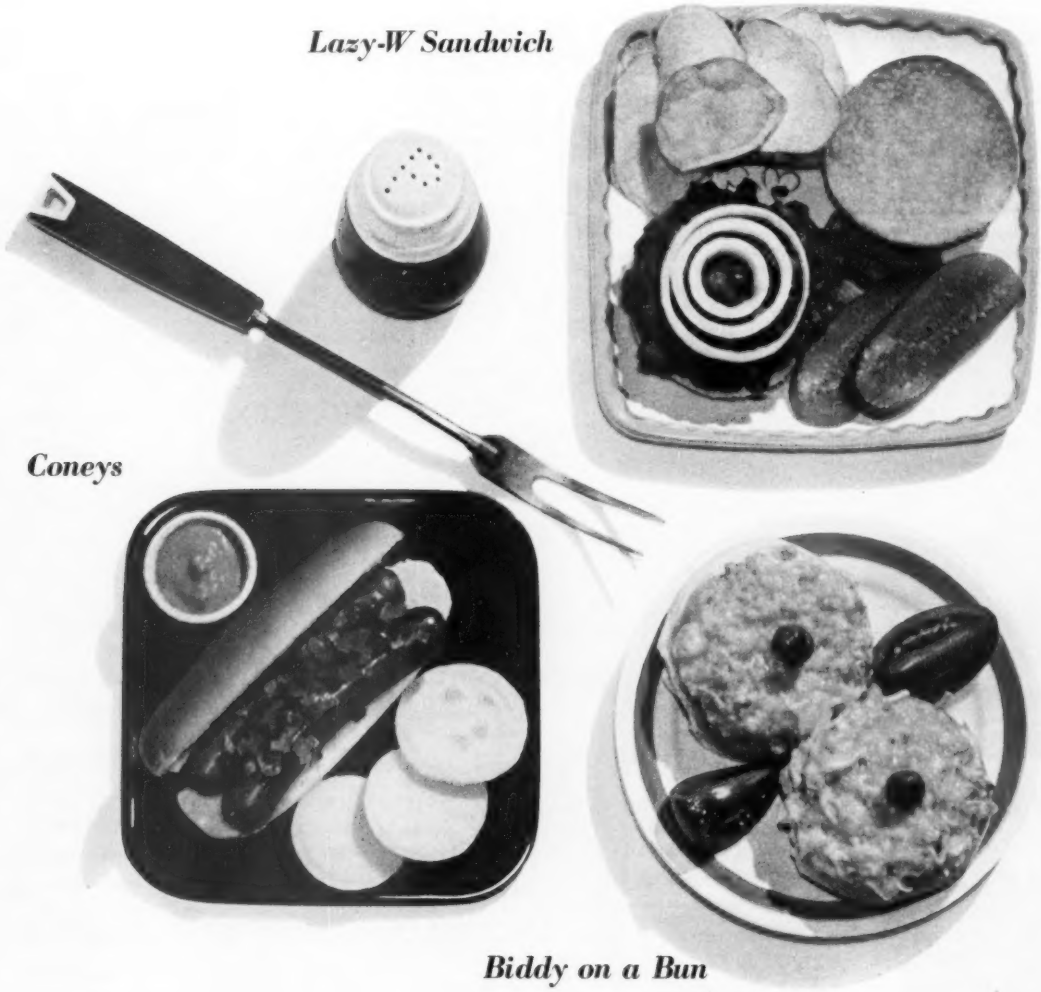
Add a generous slice of cheese, then a crisscross of partially broiled bacon. Broil until cheese melts and bacon is crisp.

By Frances O'Connor

These are sandwiches you can get your teeth into. If they're supposed to be meat . . . there's a lot of meat. If they're supposed to be cheese . . . there are good, thick slices of cheese. These are sandwiches you can make a meal on.

You can make them for lunch or supper or any time of the day you feel just plain hungry!

Big sandwiches like these are easy to make. Easy as the little time it takes to tell you how down at the bottom of the page. And you can see how good-looking they are on the plate. Put crisp chips or relishes on the plate, too. Serve tall tumblers of cold milk or big mugs of coffee or hot chocolate. Then stick your head through the kitchen door, call "*Come and get it!*"



Coneys. To cook frankfurters, cover them with boiling water; cover the pan. Let stand over low heat 7 minutes. Everybody's on his own when it comes to the sandwich makings.

This one's generous, 2 franks to a bun. Add a big spoonful of crisp piccalilli, a little paper cup full of mustard or catsup, slices of crisp, mild onion. Bun's extra good toasted.

Lazy-W Sandwich. Brown 1 pound ground beef in a little fat. Add 1½ cups chopped onion, 1 to 2 cups chopped celery, and ½ cup chopped green pepper. Cook till tender.

Add 1 10½- or 11-ounce can condensed tomato soup, ½ to 1 tablespoon barbecue sauce, 1 teaspoon salt, pepper. Simmer 30 minutes. Crisp onion rings top each bunful.

Biddy on a Bun. Combine 2 cups diced, cooked chicken, 1½ cups chopped celery, ⅓ cup chopped sweet pickle, salt and pepper, ⅔ cup mayonnaise or salad dressing.

Spread on 8 toasted bun halves. Sprinkle with grated American cheese. Slide into broiler or oven to melt cheese. The salad stays crunchy. Put a big stuffed olive on top.

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Cooks' contest—

Win a prize for your fruit pies and salad meals

Fruit Pies and Salad Meals are the moneymaking recipes in this month's contest. There are 21 prizes to try for: first prize of $10 and 20 prizes of $3 each. The top eight recipes will be pictured in the August Cooks' Round Table.

Fruit Pies make the most of August's array of fresh fruits.

What pie wins your family's praise? A luscious, golden peach pie—spiced just right, a green-apple pie flavored with brown sugar, a plump old-fashioned Concord grape pie, a fresh apricot pie?

Perhaps you have a special flavor combination such as cherry and peach or peach-pecan, apples with red cinnamon candies, blackberry and grated orange peel, or pear and walnuts.

Your pie may be one or two crust, use one fruit or several, or combine a fruit and cream filling. And if you have a trick such as a delicious way of spicing, a different crust, or a new topper for your pie, we want to know about it, too.

Salad Meals are a good way to beat the summer heat. We want to hear about your favorite salad and the dressing you serve with it.

Maybe a cool sea-food salad rates high on your table. You may toss chilled canned tuna, cucumber slices, and chopped celery with a tart celery dressing, serve a chilled salmon-olive mousse with a nippy mayonnaise, stuff tomatoes with crab-meat salad.

Perhaps you make a hearty tossed salad with strips of ham and cheese, hard-cooked egg slices, green beans, and mixed greens. Or pour a garlic vinegar-and-oil dressing over shredded cabbage and pork-ham luncheon-meat strips.

If gelatine salad molds, large or individual, are favorite hot-weather fare with your family, you may have a favorite such as molded ham salad with sweet-pickle dressing or a chicken-salad loaf. Send us the recipe you and family and guests like best.

And remember, the winners of these 21 prizes will receive the *Better Homes & Gardens* Certificate of Endorsement and *six copies of the endorsed recipe.*

1. Write your recipe clearly on one side of the paper. Send but one recipe at a time and mark it, "August Fruit Pies" or "August Salad Meals."
2. Print your full name and address clearly in upper right corner of recipe page.
3. Give measurements in *level* cups, tablespoons, teaspoons, never in heaping or scant measurements.
4. Be sure to specify in your recipe the brand names of the *nationally* known food products you use as ingredients—products available everywhere. We must know them so we can test your recipe with the same brands you use.
5. Include 50 to 100 words about the history or origin of the recipe you submit.
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7. Entries must be postmarked by midnight, January 31.
8. Address the recipes you enter to 5401 Tasting-Test Kitchen. *Better Homes & Gardens,* Des Moines 3, Iowa.

This month's winners

Cook-of-the-Month is Mrs. Palmer C. Vincent. Her airy, crumb-topped Lemon Fluff is perfect to make for bridge club. It serves 12.

Mrs. L. S. Smith's Lemon-Rice Pudding is a new version of old-fashioned rice pudding. A fluffy dessert with a delicate fruit flavor is Mrs. Carl Fischer's Lemon-Pear Whip.

Mrs. Ralph D. Fuller likes to serve her handsome, light Snow Pudding after a big meal.

Seasoned ground beef makes the crust in Mrs. Mary Newman's Gold Nugget Meat Pie. The filling is whole-kernel corn and tomatoes.

The chicken and vegetables in Mrs. F. B. Andrews' Chicken-Mushroom Pie bubble in condensed cream of chicken soup. Mrs. Dorothy Taylor's spicy Tamale Pie is topped with crisp corn chips and Parmesan cheese.

When you want a delicious way to dress up leftover ham, try Mrs. Raymond Suchomel's Ham 'n' Chicken Pie.

These recipes are on pages 73 and 74. Prizewinning cooks are listed below.

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MEAT PIES

LEMON DESSERTS

Chicken-Mushroom Pie

Use canned chicken; you have a quick casserole—

1 cup sliced carrots
6 tiny onions
1 10½- or 11-ounce can condensed cream of mushroom soup
½ cup milk
3 cups diced cooked chicken
2 tablespoons chopped parsley

Cook vegetables in small amount of boiling, salted water until tender. Combine soup and milk; heat to boiling; add vegetables, chicken, and parsley; pour into 1½-quart casserole. Top with **Baking-powder Biscuits:** Sift 1 cup enriched flour with ¼ teaspoon salt, 1½ teaspoons baking powder; cut in 2 tablespoons shortening until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Add ⅓ cup milk all at once and mix. Roll or pat ½ inch thick and place on hot filling. Bake in hot oven (450°) 15 minutes. —*Mrs. F. B. Andrews, Minneapolis, Minnesota.*

Tamale Pie

Easy to put together and delicious—

1 16-ounce can tamales, sliced
2 cups cubed leftover roast beef
1 6-ounce can tomato paste
1 15-ounce can whole-kernel corn
1 cup sliced ripe olives
2 teaspoons chili powder
1 10½- or 11-ounce can consomme
1 1½-ounce package corn chips
½ cup grated Parmesan cheese

Line a 2-quart casserole with sliced tamales. Combine remaining ingredients except chips and cheese and pour over tamales. Top with corn chips and sprinkle with cheese. Bake in moderate oven (350°) about 1 hour. Serves 6 to 8.—*Mrs. Dorothy Taylor, Houston, Texas.*

Ham 'n' Chicken Pie

It has a sweet-potato crust—

3 tablespoons chopped onion
¼ cup chopped green pepper
1 10½- or 11-ounce can condensed cream of chicken soup
½ cup milk
2 cups diced cooked ham
1 tablespoon lemon juice

Cook onion and green pepper in hot fat until onion is golden. Combine soup and milk and stir into onion mixture; heat to boiling. Add ham and lemon juice. Pour into greased 1½-quart casserole and top with **Sweet-potato Crust:** Combine 1 cup enriched flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder, and ½ teaspoon salt. Combine 1 cup cold mashed sweet potatoes, ⅓ cup melted fat, and 1 beaten egg. Whip. Add sifted dry ingredients; mix. Pat crust to fit casserole. Gash. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 40 minutes.—*Mrs. Raymond Suchomel, Elmhurst, Illinois.*

Cooks' Round Table of Endorsed Recipes

Desserts

Lemon Fluff

Looks pretty fancy, doesn't it? But read how easy it is—

1 14½-ounce can (1¾ cups) evaporated milk
1 4-ounce package lemon-flavored gelatine
1¾ cups hot water
¼ cup lemon juice
1 cup sugar
2½ cups vanilla-wafer crumbs

Chill unopened can of milk in refrigerator until icy cold, about 3 to 4 hours. Dissolve gelatine in hot water. Chill until partially set. Whip until light and fluffy. Add lemon juice and sugar. Whip chilled milk and fold into gelatine mixture. Line bottom of 9x13-inch pan with crumbs. Pour over gelatine mixture. Top with remaining crumbs. Chill until firm. Cut in squares and center each with a maraschino cherry. Serves 12.—*Mrs. Palmer C. Vincent, Hillsdale, New York.*

Lemon-Pear Whip

It's airy and delicately flavored, has an unusual coconut topping—

- 1 3-ounce package lemon-flavored gelatine
- 3/4 cup hot water
- 1 No. 2 can pear halves, well drained
- 1 cup heavy cream, whipped
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Dissolve gelatine in hot water. Add 1 cup syrup drained from pears and chill until partially set; whip until light and fluffy. Crush pears and fold into mixture; then fold in whipped cream and vanilla. Pour into 1-quart mold and chill until firm. Unmold on plate or fill sherbet glasses. Serve with **Lemon Coconut Topping:** Combine 1 cup shredded coconut, 1 tablespoon grated lemon peel, 1/4 cup sugar, and 2 tablespoons lemon juice; toss lightly. Serves 6 to 8.—*Mrs. Carl Fischer, Los Angeles, California.*

Lemon-Rice Pudding

An easy way to make rice pudding. And you'll like the lemon flavor—

- 1 package vanilla pudding
- 2 cups milk
- 2 cups cooked rice (2/3 cup raw)
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
- 1 egg white
- 2 tablespoons sugar

Prepare pudding with milk as directed on package. Fold in rice and lemon peel. Cool. Beat egg white until foamy, add sugar gradually, and continue beating until stiff. Fold into pudding. Serve with **Lemon Whipped Cream:** Fold 1 tablespoon lemon juice, 2 teaspoons grated lemon peel, and 1/4 cup sugar into 1/2 cup heavy cream, whipped. Serves 6.—*Mrs. L. S. Smith, Chicago, Illinois.*

Snow Pudding

Trim it with toasted almonds and serve it with golden custard sauce—

- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups boiling water
- 5 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/4 cup cold water
- 2 stiff-beaten egg whites
- 1/3 cup lemon juice

Combine sugar, salt, and boiling water. Blend cornstarch and cold water and add to sugar mixture. Heat to boiling and cook 5 minutes, stirring constantly; cool slightly and fold in stiff-beaten egg whites and lemon juice. Pour into 1-quart mold which has been rinsed with cold water. Chill until firm. Serve with **Custard Sauce:** Beat 3 egg yolks slightly; add 1/4 cup sugar and 1/8 teaspoon salt and blend. Stir in 2 cups scalded milk gradually. Cook in double boiler until mixture thickens, stirring constantly. Chill and add 1/2 teaspoon vanilla.—*Mrs. Ralph D. Fuller, Bemus Point, New York.*

Cooks' Round Table of Endorsed Recipes

Meats

Gold Nugget Meat Pie

You cut it in pie-shaped wedges to serve—

Crust:
- 1 cup soft bread crumbs
- 1/2 cup milk
- 3/4 pound ground round steak
- 1 beaten egg
- 2 tablespoons grated onion
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 3 tablespoons catsup

Filling:
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons butter or fortified margarine
- 1 12-ounce can whole-kernel corn, drained
- 1 cup strained canned tomatoes
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon basil

Soften bread crumbs in milk. Add meat, egg, onion, and seasonings; mix well. Line the bottom and sides of 10-inch piepan with meat mixture. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 40 minutes. **Filling:** Cook onion in butter until golden. Add remaining ingredients and simmer about 10 minutes. Fill meat crust with hot corn mixture. Bake. Garnish with parsley.—*Mrs. Mary Newman, Columbus, Ohio.*

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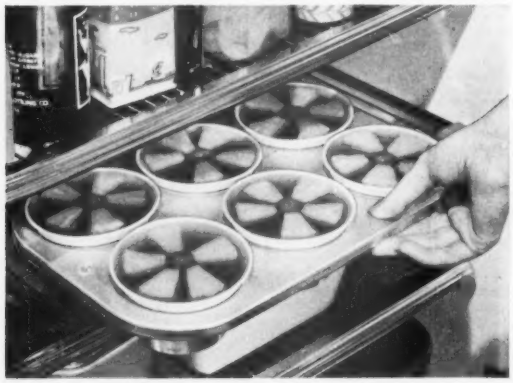
By Ida Ruth Miller

Bake stuffed green peppers. Roly-poly peppers *have* to stand up straight if each one is perched in a muffin cup like this. Add water



Chill gelatine salads and desserts. Line each muffin cup with a paper cup; fill with gelatine mixture. One trip slides all six in to chill

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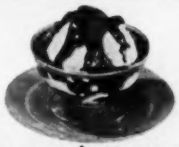

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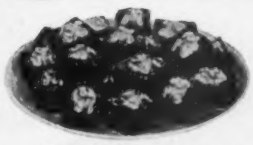

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Old-fashioned pot roast

Begins on page 62

Chuck or Rump Pot Roast

It cooks slowly and tenderly in oven—

Select a 3- to 4-pound chuck or rump pot roast. Roll in flour; season with salt and pepper; brown on all sides in hot fat on top of range or in hot oven (450°). Add ½ cup water. Cover and cook in slow oven (300°) 2½ to 3 hours or until tender, adding more water if needed. If desired, add small whole onions, carrots, and potatoes the last 45 minutes. Serves 6 to 8.

Brown Gravy

Don't miss the wonderful gravy you can make with pot roast—

For each 1½ to 2 cups liquid from meat, put ½ cup water into a screw-top glass jar, then add 4 tablespoons enriched flour. (Remember, the water goes into the jar first.) Mix flour and water by shaking the jar, mix them in a small bowl or shaker, or with a whip or egg beater. Pour flour mixture very slowly into the meat broth; stir while pouring. Turn off heat until the flour mixture is thoroughly blended with broth, then turn to gently simmer, and stir constantly until gravy is bubbling all over. Continue cooking until starch cooks and flour mellows, stirring occasionally.

Baked Prune Whip

Save this recipe for your oven meals—

- 1 cup cooked prunes, pitted
- ¼ cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 3 stiff-beaten egg whites
- ¼ cup sugar

Mash prunes; add ¼ cup sugar. Add lemon juice to beaten egg whites and gradually beat in ¼ cup sugar. Fold in prunes. Pour into ungreased 7-inch casserole. Bake in slow oven (300°) 40 minutes, or until set. Cool. Serve with custard sauce or whipped cream. Serves 4 to 6.

Blade Pot Roast With Corn-meal Dumplings

Roast simmers in an excellent sauce—

- 3 pounds beef blade pot roast
- 2 teaspoons salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- ½ cup water
- 1 8-ounce can tomato sauce
- 3 onions, sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- ¼ teaspoon paprika
- ½ teaspoon dry mustard
- ¼ cup lemon juice
- ¼ cup catsup
- ¼ cup vinegar
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

Rub meat with salt and pepper; brown in hot fat. Add water, tomato sauce, onions, and garlic. Cover and cook over low heat 2 hours. Combine remaining ingredients; cover and continue cooking until tender, about 1 hour. Serve with **Corn-meal Dumplings:** Combine ¾ cup corn meal, ½ cup enriched flour, ½ teaspoon salt, and 1½ teaspoons baking powder. Add 1 beaten egg and ½ cup milk and blend. Stir in 2 tablespoons melted fat. Drop batter by spoonfuls into hot sauce. Cover pan closely and simmer 15 minutes.

Standing Rump Pot Roast

You add dried fruits and sweet potatoes the last 30 minutes—

- 3 pounds standing rump pot roast
- 2 tablespoons fat
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 onions sliced
- 1 cup cider
- 1 cup water
- ¾ cup dried apricots
- ¾ cup dried prunes
- 4 whole cloves
- 6 large sweet potatoes, cut in half

Brown meat in hot fat in hot oven (450°); season. Add onions and cook until golden. Add cider and water; cover and cook in slow oven (300°) about 3 hours. Add fruits, cloves, and sweet potatoes and continue cooking until potatoes are tender, about 30 minutes. Serves 6.

Jellied Vegetable Salad

We think it's the combination of vinegar and lemon juice that accounts for its extra-good flavor—

- 1 tablespoon (1 envelope) unflavored gelatine
- ¼ cup cold water
- 1¼ cups boiling water
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ cup sugar
- ¼ cup lemon juice
- ¼ cup vinegar
- 1 small onion, grated
- 1 cup crisp shredded cabbage
- 2 tablespoons chopped green pepper
- ½ cup julienne-cut carrots
- 1 cup chopped celery
- ¼ cup sliced stuffed olives

Soften gelatine in ¼ cup cold water. Dissolve in 1¼ cups boiling water. Add salt, sugar, lemon juice, and vinegar. Stir to dissolve sugar. Chill until partially set. Add remaining ingredients. Chill in oiled individual molds or a shallow pan. Serves 6.

Calico Salad

We call it calico because we use both red and green cabbage—

- 4 cups shredded cabbage (red and green)
- 1 cup diced apple
- ¼ cup minced onion
- ⅔ cup salad dressing
- 3 tablespoons vinegar
- 1 teaspoon celery seed
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Pineapple slices

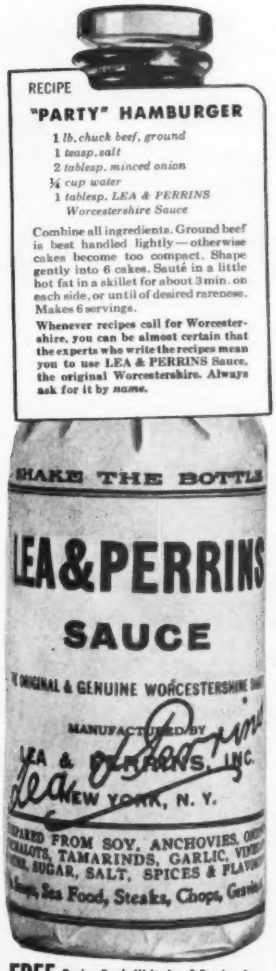
Combine cabbage and apple. Combine remaining ingredients except pineapple; blend well; pour over cabbage and apple. Toss lightly. Garnish with pineapple. Serves 6 to 8.

Date-Tapioca Pudding

You can have it ready and waiting in the refrigerator—

- 2 slightly beaten egg yolks
- 4 cups milk, scalded
- ⅓ cup quick-cooking tapioca
- ½ cup sugar
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup chopped dates
- 2 stiff-beaten egg whites
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Mix egg yolks with small amount of milk; add tapioca, sugar, salt, and remaining milk. Cook in double boiler 10 to 12 minutes after water boils, stirring frequently. Or bring quickly to boiling over direct heat, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; mixture will be thin. Fold in dates. Fold hot mixture into egg whites. Cool slightly. Add vanilla. Chill thoroughly. Serves 8.



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Beef Arm Pot Roast With Noodles

In a pressure saucepan, you can cook it in 35 minutes—

3 pounds beef arm pot roast	¼ cup water
¼ cup enriched flour	¼ cup vinegar
2 teaspoons salt	2 bay leaves
¼ teaspoon pepper	5 whole cloves
	2 onions, sliced

Roll meat in flour; season. Brown in hot fat in pressure saucepan. Add remaining ingredients; cover and exhaust air. Cook at 15 pounds pressure 35 minutes. Serve over cooked broad noodles.

Molded Grapefruit Salad

There's the refreshing tartness of grapefruit, the crispness of apple—

1 tablespoon (1 envelope) unflavored gelatine	1 cup diced, unpared apple
¼ cup cold water	1 No. 2 can (2½ cups) grapefruit, undrained
½ cup hot water	½ cup broken California walnuts
½ cup sugar	
Dash of salt	

Soften gelatine in cold water; dissolve in hot water; add sugar and salt. Cool. Add apple, grapefruit, and grapefruit syrup; chill until partially set. Add nuts. Chill in oiled molds or a shallow pan. Unmold and garnish with endive or lettuce. Pass mayonnaise or salad dressing. Serves 6.

Chili Pot Roast

Big Limas cook with it the last hour—

1 large onion, minced	1 10½-ounce can condensed tomato soup
¼ cup fat	1 tablespoon prepared mustard
1 3-pound beef arm pot roast	1½ cups dried Limas, soaked overnight
1 teaspoon salt	1 cup water
1 tablespoon chili powder	
1 teaspoon dried celery leaves	

Cook onion in fat until soft; remove. Dredge meat with flour; sprinkle with salt, chili powder, and celery leaves; brown in the hot fat. Add soup, mustard, onion; cover. Simmer 1 hour. Add drained Limas and water. Simmer until meat and Limas are tender, about 1 hour. Serves 6.

Hot Lemon Sauce

Eat it on big squares of warm gingerbread—

½ cup sugar	1 cup boiling water
1 tablespoon cornstarch	2 tablespoons butter
⅛ teaspoon salt	1½ tablespoons lemon juice
⅛ teaspoon nutmeg	

Mix sugar, cornstarch, salt, and nutmeg; gradually add water; and cook over low heat until thick and clear. Add butter and lemon juice; blend thoroughly.

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Delicious ways with winter pears

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Pear Upside-down Cake

2 tablespoons butter or fortified margarine
¼ cup corn syrup
¼ cup brown sugar
6 pear halves, cooked or canned
½ cup California walnut halves

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⅓ cup shortening
½ cup granulated sugar
1 beaten egg
⅔ cup molasses
2 cups enriched flour
½ teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons baking powder
¼ teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon cinnamon
2 teaspoons ginger
¾ cup sour milk

Melt butter in 9-inch square cake pan. Add syrup and ¼ cup brown sugar; blend. Place pears and walnuts in pan. **Gingerbread:** Thoroughly cream shortening and granulated sugar; add egg; beat thoroughly. Add molasses; beat. Add sifted dry ingredients alternately with milk. Pour batter over pears. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 60 to 70 minutes. Serve with cream cheese, whipped.

Pear-crisp Pie

3 cups sliced fresh pears
¾ cup sugar
4 tablespoons enriched flour
Dash of salt
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
2 tablespoons lemon juice
½ recipe Plain Pastry

Put the pear slices into a mixing bowl and cover with mixture of sugar, flour, salt, and spice. Add lemon peel and juice. Turn into 8-inch pastry-lined pie dish. Sprinkle with mixture of 2 tablespoons butter, ¼ cup sugar, 3 tablespoons flour, and ⅛ teaspoon cinnamon. Top with extra pear slices if you wish. Bake in hot oven (425°) 35 minutes.

Baked Pears

1½ tablespoons lemon juice
Water
3 large or 6 small fresh pears, pared
Sugar

In a covered baking dish, place the lemon juice and enough water to cover the bottom of the dish. Place the pears in dish and bake, covered, at 375° until tender, 20 to 25 minutes. Remove the cover; sprinkle each pear with from 1 to 2 teaspoons sugar. Return to the oven to glaze. Bake 10 minutes. Serve hot or chilled. Or use **Poached Pears:** Combine 3 cups water, 1 cup sugar, ¼ cup lemon juice, 2 teaspoons grated lemon peel, and 4 cloves. Add 6 pears, peeled. Simmer gently until pears are tender.

Gingered Pears

1 No. 2½ can pears, drained
Pear juice
1 tablespoon candied ginger, chopped, or 1 teaspoon powdered ginger
Few grains salt
1 tablespoon lemon juice
Few drops red or green food coloring, if desired

Add water to pear juice to make 2 cups. Add ginger and salt. Simmer a few minutes. Add lemon juice and pears. Heat through. Serve either warm or chilled.

Spiced Pears

2½ cups brown sugar
1 cup vinegar
1 cinnamon stick
1 tablespoon whole cloves
2 quarts (about 4 pounds) fresh pears, pared

Heat sugar, vinegar, and spices to a boil. Stick several cloves in each pear. Simmer in syrup until tender.

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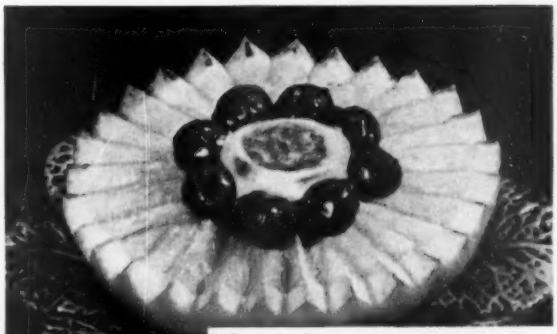

Campfire BROILED GRAPEFRUIT

A little bit sweet, a little bit tart, and a big bit simply wonderful! Cut grapefruit in half. Then cut around each segment and remove core-like membrane from each half. Notch rind. Sprinkle with sugar, fill center with canned cherries and broil about 5 minutes. Top each half with a Campfire or Angelus Marshmallow. Return to broiler until marshmallow melts. Serve at once.

Campfire BAKED APPLES

Family favorite in party dress! Bake apples in usual way. While still warm, top with a snowy Campfire or Angelus Marshmallow. Pop under broiler just long enough to toast a golden brown. *Variation:* dip marshmallow in milk and dust lightly with cinnamon before placing on each apple. Good? *Good!*

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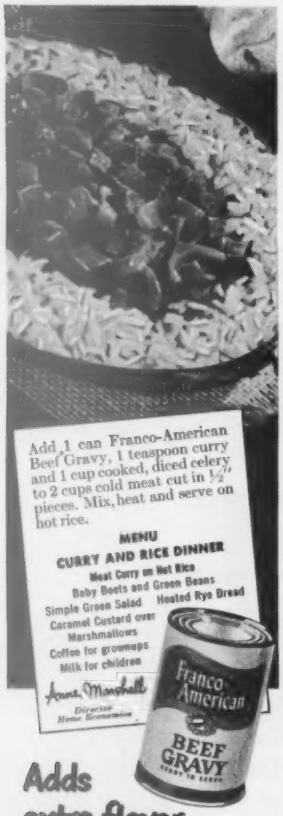

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Duckling—for a delicious dinner

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Roast Duckling

Apple-Raisin Stuffing ***Brown Gravy***

Glazed Sweet Potatoes

Cranberry Sauce ***Molded Vegetable Salad***

Hot Whole-wheat Rolls

Assorted Cheeses With Crackers ***Coffee***

NEXT time you're looking for something extra-special for a company meal or Sunday dinner, plan to serve duckling. Roast it with Apple-Raisin Stuffing as we have above. Or braise it in a spicy orange sauce (page 84). You'll have a meal your guests will remember.

The plump, young ducklings come dressed, ready for the oven. Follow the roasting directions below. For a crisp, brown finish, place ducklings under broiler a few minutes before serving. Or brush with a mixture of 2 tablespoons honey and 1 teaspoon kitchen bouquet at end of first hour of roasting.

The Glazed Sweet Potatoes cook in the oven right along with the ducks. Platter gets a simple garnish of orange slices, each centered with a walnut half.

Dessert is easy. Arrange an assortment of your favorite cheeses and crackers on a tray.

How to roast duckling. Place duck, breast side up, on a rack in a shallow baking pan not more than 3 inches deep. Do not cover or add water. Do not prick skin. You do not have to baste duckling.

Roast in a slow oven (325°) until meat thermometer inserted in stuffing registers 165 degrees. Duck will be moderately well done but juicy. For a very-well-done duck, temperature of the stuffing should read about 185 degrees.

Time roasting guide:

Dressed weight—5 to 7 pounds
Medium well done—18 minutes per pound
Very well done—22 to 25 minutes per pound

Apple-Raisin Stuffing

- 2 cups pared, chopped apples
- 4 cups fine, dry bread crumbs
- ½ cup seedless raisins
- 2 tablespoons melted butter or fortified margarine
- ¼ cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup stock or hot water to moisten

Combine apples, bread crumbs, and raisins. Add remaining ingredients. Mix lightly. Mixture should be rather dry, since apples add moisture during roasting. This makes enough stuffing for a 4- to 5-pound duck. Lightly fill body cavity with stuffing. Do not pack. Put several small poultry pins from one side of opening to other. Lace opening with light twine.

Glazed Sweet Potatoes

- 8 medium-size sweet potatoes
- 2 tablespoons butter or fortified margarine
- 1 tablespoon grated orange peel
- ¾ cup dark corn syrup
- ¼ teaspoon salt

Cook whole unpared sweet potatoes, covered, in boiling, salted water until tender, 30 to 40 minutes. Peel; halve. Arrange in shallow baking dish. Combine remaining ingredients. Heat to boiling; pour over potatoes. Bake in moderate oven (325°) 30 to 40 minutes. Spoon syrup over potatoes occasionally. Serves 4 to 6.

10-minute Cranberry Sauce

- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups water
- 1 pound (4 cups) cranberries

Combine sugar and water. Heat to boiling and boil 5 minutes. Add cranberries and cook until skins pop, about 5 minutes. Remove cranberry sauce from heat and cool. Makes 1 quart sauce.

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Duckling—for a delicious dinner

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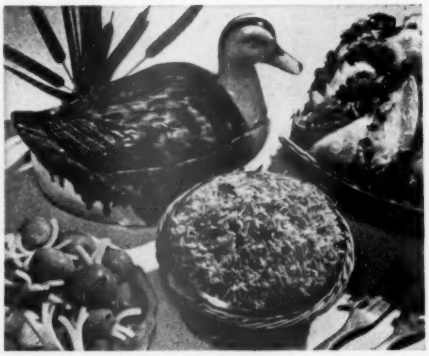

Braised Duckling With Orange Sauce

Fluffy Wild Rice

Lettuce and Water Cress Salad

Spiced Whole Peaches ***Celery Curls***

Cloverleaf Rolls

Little Mince Pies ***Coffee***

HERE'S a meal that's sure to make a hit with the menfolk any day of the week.

While the duckling simmers gently in the orange sauce, you cook the rice and fix the salad. Cut wedges of lettuce and combine with green water cress. Drizzle a seasoned lemon-oil dressing over the salad.

For a colorful relish tray, open a jar of chilled spiced peaches. Arrange on the tray with crisp celery curls.

Dessert time: Each person gets his own Little Mince Pie. You can make these tarts in advance. Then just before time to serve, heat them in the oven. This calls for coffee. So be sure to put on a big pot while the tarts are warming.

How to braise duckling. Cut duck in quarters. Place skin side up on rack in shallow baking pan. Roast in slow oven (325°) 1 hour. Cook giblets. Prepare sauce using giblet broth and fruit juice. Transfer duck to covered pan. Pour sauce over duck and cover tightly. Continue baking in sauce till tender, about 30 minutes.

To cook giblets. Place giblets, neck, wing tips, and any pieces of fat from around vent opening in small saucepan with 2 cups water and ½ teaspoon salt. Cook, covered, over moderate heat until tender, about 40 minutes. Pour off broth. Allow fat to rise. Pour it off.

Fluffy Wild Rice

- 1 cup wild rice
- 8 cups water
- 1 tablespoon salt
- ¼ cup melted butter or fortified margarine

Wash rice thoroughly. Cover with boiling salted water. Cook until tender, 30 to 45 minutes. Drain. Add melted butter. Season to taste. Serve at once.

Orange Sauce

- 1¼ cups broth (from cooking giblets)
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 whole cloves
- 1 tablespoon butter or fortified margarine
- 1 teaspoon grated onion
- 2 tablespoons enriched flour
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ⅛ teaspoon pepper
- 3 tablespoons concentrated, frozen orange juice
- 1 teaspoon sugar

Combine broth, bay leaf, and cloves in saucepan. Simmer 5 minutes. Remove spices. Melt butter in heavy saucepan. Add onion; cook until golden. Add flour, salt, and pepper; blend. Add broth gradually, stirring constantly. Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture thickens. Remove from heat and add orange juice and sugar. Pour over duckling and continue cooking as directed.

Little Mince Pies

- 1 1-pound can (1⅔ cups) mincemeat
- 2 cups thinly sliced apples
- ½ teaspoon grated lemon peel
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 recipe Plain Pastry

Combine mincemeat, apples, lemon peel, and juice; heat thoroughly. Pour into individual pastry-lined piepans; adjust top crust. Sprinkle with a small amount of sugar and bake in moderately hot oven (400°) 35 minutes.

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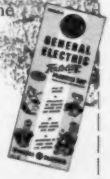

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Good old country cooking

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A pork chop's a pork chop (and oh, that cream gravy!). Country-cooked food has a perfection that comes from cooking a lot and cooking the same food many times. Learn the tricks of the country cook, and you've mastered top-secret information in the art of fixing a delicious meal. Some of the tricks you'll find in these recipes.

Rutabaga-Apple Whip

Two simple ingredients—and such a delicious result—

- 2 medium apples
- 4 cups diced rutabagas
- 2 tablespoons butter or fortified margarine
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ⅛ teaspoon pepper

Pare and quarter apples. Cook in small amount of water until tender. Mash with fork, or sieve. Cook rutabagas until tender; drain and mash. Combine apples and rutabagas; add butter and seasonings. Mound on chop plate and surround with Glazed Apple Rings and Braised Pig Hocks.

Glazed Apple Rings

See how pretty they are on the platter, page 60—

Wash and core apples; cut in rings. Simmer rings in syrup of 1 cup water, 2 cups sugar, and 3 tablespoons lemon juice. Baste often. Cook until just tender.

Braised Pig Hocks

An old-fashioned dish you may have missed—

Place pig hocks in Dutch oven or kettle with tightly fitting cover. Sprinkle with salt. Add water to cover. Add ½ cup chopped celery leaves, 1 onion, sliced. Cover tightly. Simmer until very tender, about 2½ to 3 hours.

Deep-dish Chicken Pie

A big bakerful, hot and really chickeny—

- 1 cup chopped celery
- 6 to 8 tiny whole onions
- 4 tablespoons chicken fat
- 4 tablespoons enriched flour
- 2 cups chicken stock, milk, or cream
- 4 cups cooked chicken, cut in large pieces

Cook vegetables until tender. Melt chicken fat, add flour, and stir over low heat until brown. Add stock, stirring constantly until thick. When mixture boils, reduce heat. Season to taste. Alternate layers of chicken and cooked vegetables. Pour over hot gravy and top with **Perfect Biscuits:** Sift 2 cups flour, ½ teaspoon salt, 4 teaspoons baking powder, ½ teaspoon cream of tartar, and 2 teaspoons sugar into mixing bowl; cut in ½ cup shortening until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Add milk all at once and stir just until dough follows fork around bowl. Pat or roll ½ inch thick; cut with biscuit cutter. Arrange on top of chicken mixture and bake in hot oven (450°) about 15 minutes. Bake remaining biscuits on ungreased cooky sheet in hot oven (450°) 10 to 12 minutes.

Braised Short Ribs

Serve a big bowl of onion gravy with these—

Brown short ribs in hot fat; season with salt and pepper. Add ½ cup hot water; cover tightly and bake in slow oven (300°) about 1½ hours. Potatoes, carrots, and onions may be added last 45 minutes of cooking, if desired.

Savory Onion Gravy

- 4 cups sliced onions
- 2 tablespoons fat
- 3 tablespoons enriched flour
- 2 cups meat stock or 2 bouillon cubes (dissolved in 2 cups hot water)
- 2 teaspoons bottled gravy-flavoring concentrate
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- Salt and pepper

Cook onions in hot fat until soft and yellow; stir in flour. Add meat stock or dissolved bouillon cubes; add gravy flavoring and Worcestershire sauce. Gradually add to flour mixture; cook over low heat until thick, stirring constantly. Add salt and pepper. Cover; simmer 10 minutes. Serves 6 to 8.

Split-pea Soup

You make a meal of it. Have a big dessert like a peach cobbler—

Soak ½ cup dried split peas in 2 quarts water overnight. Add 1 medium-size onion, diced, and cook until peas are tender. Press through sieve. Heat to boiling. Blend 1 tablespoon flour with 2 tablespoons melted butter and add to soup; stir until well mixed. Season with salt and pepper. For additional richness, ¼ cup cream may be added. Smoked ham may be cooked with peas. Serves 6 to 8.

Bean-pot Beans

The real McCoy—with molasses and onion and bacon. All slow-baked—

- 2 cups (1 pound) dried navy beans
- ¼ pound bacon, unsliced
- 2 teaspoons salt
- ½ teaspoon dry mustard
- ½ cup dark molasses
- ½ cup chili sauce
- 1 tablespoon vinegar
- 1 medium-size onion, sliced
- 2 cups hot bean liquor

Wash beans, cover with water (2 inches above beans), and soak overnight. Add bacon; cover; simmer over low heat (do not boil) until just tender (about 1 hour). Drain; reserve liquor. Remove bacon and cut in 1-inch cubes. Pour beans into 2-quart bean pot or casserole. Bury bacon cubes in beans. Add combined remaining ingredients. Cover and bake in slow oven (300°) 6 hours. If necessary, add bean liquor or hot water during baking. Serves 8.

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1 cup corn meal	¾ cup molasses
2¼ teaspoons soda	2 cups buttermilk

Sift together dry ingredients, add raisins, and mix well. Add molasses to buttermilk and stir until well mixed; add to dry ingredients and beat until batter is smooth. Fill 2 greased molds two-thirds full. Steam 2 to 2½ hours.

Fresh-fried Potatoes

A regular feature in a country breakfast or supper—

Cut pared potatoes in ⅛-inch slices. Fry over low heat in heavy skillet in bacon drippings or other fat. Season with salt and pepper. After potatoes are browned, turn and fry slowly on other side. Do not cover.

Broiled Ham Slices

The country cook fixes them in a skillet. Use skillet or broiler—

Preheat broiler. Trim rind from ham slices; cut edge in several places to prevent curling. Place on broiler rack 3 inches below heat; turn once. Allow 15 to 20 minutes for ½-inch slice. Thin slices of ham may be pan-broiled over medium heat.

Fried Eggs

Use just enough butter or bacon fat to coat skillet. Slide in eggs. When white is set and edges cooked, add ½ teaspoon water for each egg. Cover skillet. Cook to doneness you desire.

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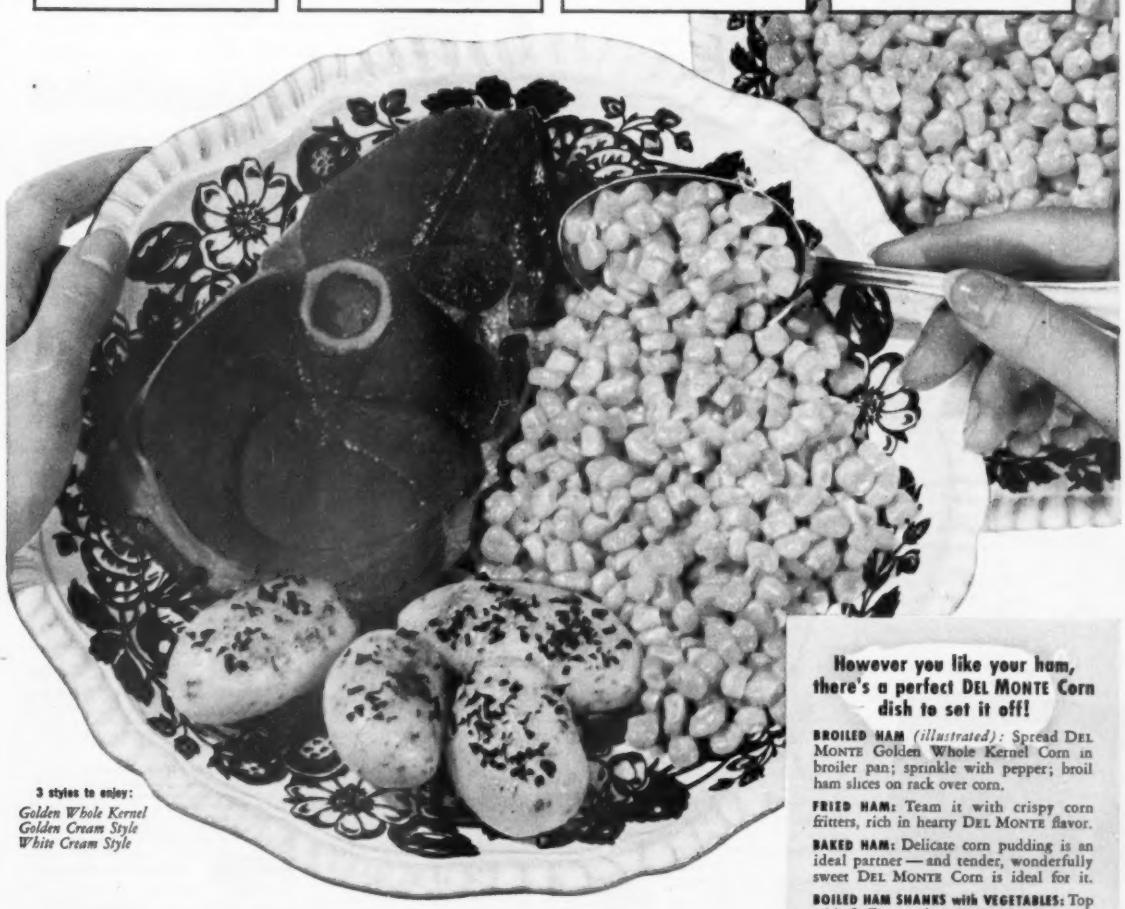

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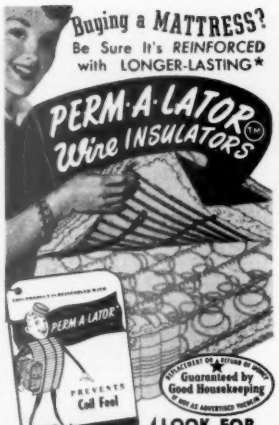

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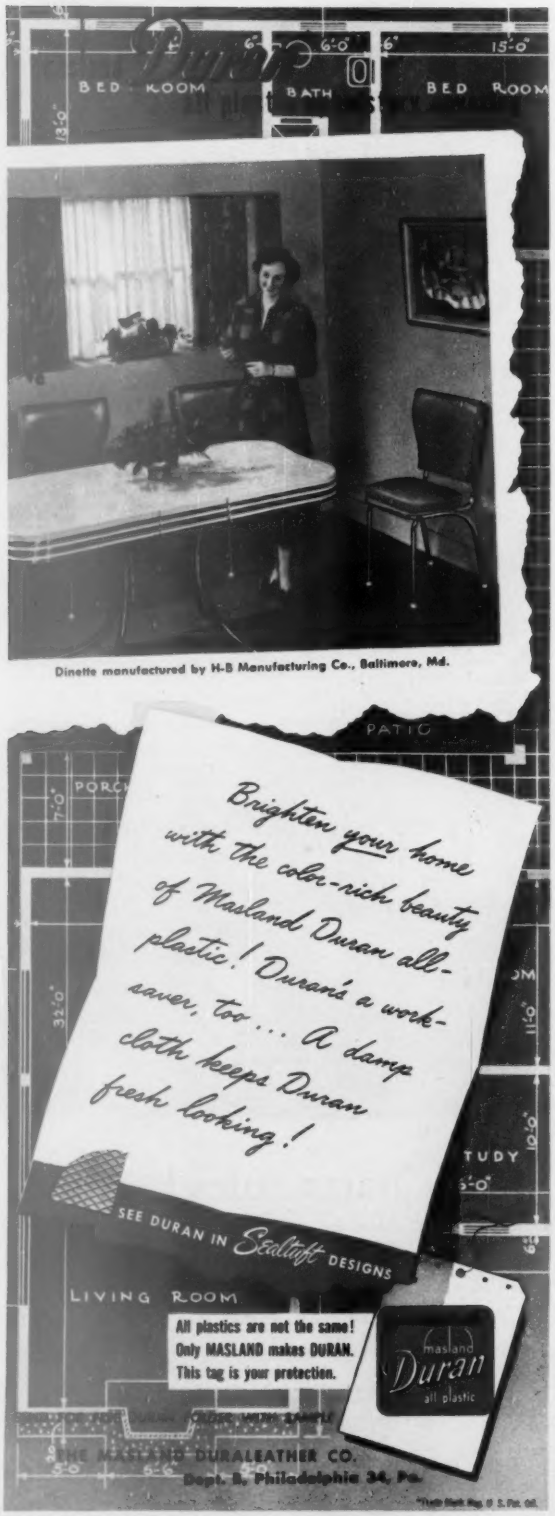

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20. *Finally, you might ask for suggestions* from the men now and then. That's what got me my beautifully simple and useful three-tier work bar between kitchen and breakfast room. Instead of the mere partition we had planned, I now have an extra eight square feet of work counter and a dozen more feet of handy shelf storage.

So, next time we remodel—we once swore there would never be a next time—it will be different. The noise and dirt will still be there. After all, workmen can't operate like mice. What will be different is our preparation. Next time wet plaster will still splash, but not into the coffeepot. Paint may speckle places it isn't wanted, but not my walnut game table. There will always be putty all over new windowpanes, but not in the sink drain.

Every remodeling job is different, I guess, because every home is different. You'll have your own special worries, but maybe what we've learned will give you a chance to be better prepared when you go to tearing up *your* house.

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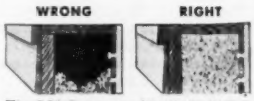

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Your dog and mine

Didn't you ever get so bored that you felt like chewing on the furniture?

By Russell K. Lowry

My 8-month-old Boxer chews on furniture while we're away from home. How can we break him of this habit?—W. E., Ohio.

Boredom is one thing an active pup can't stand. So he whiles away long hours by chewing, or doing anything else that enters his head. Any bad habit a dog has must be corrected when he's actually in the act. The only thing to do when you are absent is to tie or pen up your dog where he can't reach forbidden objects. But supply chewy rubber toys as playthings.

Is it true that if a purebred female mates with a mongrel it will affect her future litters?—W. D. P., North Carolina.

Puppies from such a mating will, of course, be mongrels, but this in no way influences future litters.

We recently bought a Dalmatian puppy. We are now told the breed is very susceptible to mange. What can we do to prevent it?—Mrs. A. M. P., Massachusetts.

Dalmatians susceptible to mange? Never heard this one. In fact, mange is very much on the rare side as an affliction of dogs. Enjoy your dog. You can practically forget about the threat.

Our tiny Toy Manchester will soon be four years old. Is this too old to have her bred for the first time?—J. M. S., Maryland.

Females of all breeds can bear litters up to 8 or 9 years, though caesarian operations are sometimes required in upper-age brackets. But your pet is right in the prime of her life, and is just right for mating.

Our Cocker Spaniel is well housebroken to paper at night, but as soon as I let her out the back door, she runs around to the rug on the front porch. What can we do to correct her?—Mrs. J. D. H., Pennsylvania.

Air your dog on a leash five times daily, leading her to a desired location. All dogs are creatures of habit. In a short time, no other spot will do!

My female recently had a litter of six puppies. Some say she will run away if I dispose of them. Do you agree?—Miss K. V. A., New Jersey.

Nonsense! Many thousands of puppies are either given away or sold every day, with their mothers still preferring to stick by their firesides. Once pups get through the nursing stage, it's a case of Mama saying, "Look, you guys and gals, get out and hustle up masters of your own!"

I have a year-old Cocker Spaniel and she has never barked. What can I do to get her barking?—R. J. C., California.

Your request is unusual. Most dog owners want to know how to *stop* their dogs from barking. But hold aloft a tidbit the dog likes, after giving her a taste to whet her appetite. Wave the morsel from side to side, coaxing, "Speak!" Stick to it until the dog reacts with a slight "Woof!" Whereupon yield the tidbit, at the same time patting and praising your pet for her brilliant performance. Keep repeating until the reaction is established.

Our big dog jumps up on people. We tried stepping on his toes, but he jumps too high off the ground. Can

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▶ Have you a problem in dog feeding, care, training, disease prevention? Address your questions to Russell K. Lowry, "Your Dog and Mine" Editor, *Better Homes & Gardens*, Des Moines 3, Iowa. Enclose a stamped, addressed envelope.

"Most men have their ups and downs—but he only has his downs."

you help us?—Miss J. D., Alabama.

Right as he jumps, raise your knee so that it bumps his chest as he leaves the ground. This will throw him off balance. Tell your family and callers to do the same. He'll catch on.

My dog has a very bad breath but shows no signs of constipation. She recently lost two front teeth. What's her trouble?—P. C., Illinois.

Things which cause bad breath in a dog are diseased tonsils, infected teeth, chronic indigestion or constipation, foreign objects imbedded in the teeth. In your dog's case, the cause would seem to be bad teeth. Have a veterinarian inspect them.

What is the best way to train a dog to like a cat? Can it be done?—W. R. H., Pennsylvania.

Once a dog (usually the aggressor) takes a position of suspicion and dislike toward a cat, nothing can induce a "kiss-and-make-up" situation. Each time I say this in print, a few will write in to say I'm all wrong. Sure—in many cases, cats and dogs hit it off great. But this is where the dog accepts the cat to begin with. But where a dog puts his foot down, that's the end!

Reminder to fathers

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—*Richard Armour*

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DEVOE PAINT

What's wrong with this family?

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What's right. The Grahams' desire to protect their children from life's harsh experiences is an instinctive, normal reaction.

What's wrong. Though they meant well, the Grahams failed in their effort to save their children from grief. They erred in trying to shield their children against pain that results inevitably from the death of a loved one.

The Grahams would have done better to reason that life is never all sunshine and that death is an experience which all of us, children as well as grownups, must know and meet. They might also have considered that death can lose much of its terror when our loss is shared with those who love us.

The parents should have let the children take part in the burial. Unless the dog had been badly mangled, the children should have been allowed to see him. If Buddy were badly injured, Dad could have protected the children from unnecessary shock and horror by wrapping the body carefully.

All of us are frightened in the face of death. From the beginnings of history, man confronted by death has feared that this unknown force might engulf him, too. The rituals of burial have served through the centuries to relieve man of this fear. When we have done "everything possible" for the departed one through such ceremonial acts of love, we somehow feel we have appeased the great, unknown forces around us, and our fears are calmed. The Grahams, in depriving their children of this final gesture, also deprived them of that peace of mind that would stem from their giving the pet a last evidence of affection.

In the presence of death, whether the loved object is human or animal, you can give your children the greatest protection through these two things: (1) A strong sense that they own a parental love which shares their griefs as well as their joys; (2) the opportunity to express their grief through the rites which human wisdom through time has created to lessen the pain.

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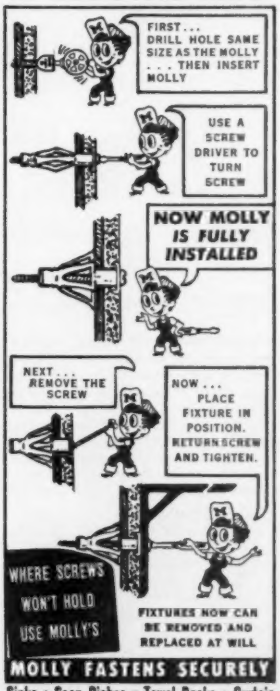

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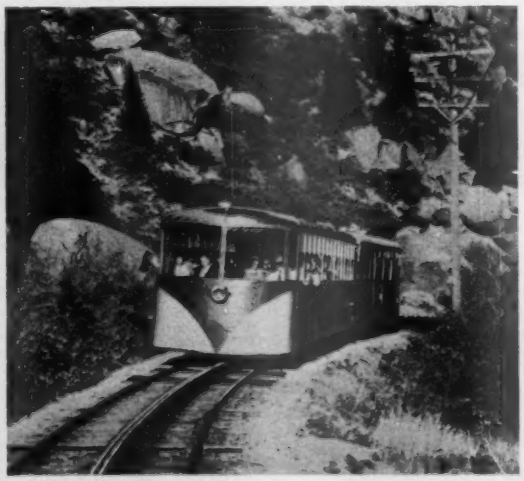
Snowmobile: Odd-looking? Can you think of a better gadget for gadabouting on a glacier like famed Athabasca in Canadian Rockies?

for skiers, most chair lifts—and you'll find them near every mountain area—run all summer for the benefit of sight-seers. It's a quiet, easy—and quite safe—trip through space, the closest approach yet to a magic carpet. At the top, you can feast on scenery you'd never see from the highway—peaks all around you and matchless views of mountain valleys at your feet. The trip down, you'll find, is what you'll remember most. It's like having a front-row seat in the balcony of a tremendous amphitheater.

There's a state-owned chair lift at Belleayre Mountain in the Catskills, less than 150 miles from New York City. There's one near Banff in the Canadian Rockies, one at Sun Valley in Idaho, and one at Boyne Falls, Michigan. They're all over New Hampshire and Vermont. Jackson, Wyoming's, "steepest in the world" gives you a terrific view of Jackson Hole and the Tetons. At Squaw Valley, near Truckee, California, you dangle 8,200 feet up the mountainside in pairs. Prices on chair lifts vary from four bits to $2.

Longest chair lift in the world—nearly three miles altogether—is the one at Aspen, Colorado. It conveys you like a pig in a packing house, only right side up and for a happier end, up 2,200 feet to the top of Ajax Mountain. There's a halfway house where you can get off and stretch before plopping into



Cog railway: Pike's Peak is a crazy place to run a railroad, but someone did it in 1891. Now with diesel cars, it's still a top Colorado thrill

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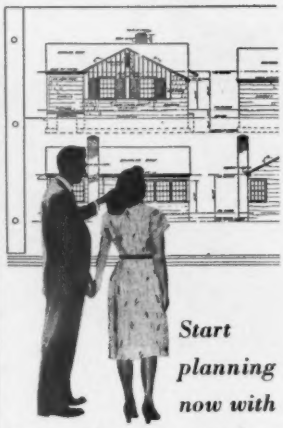

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another chair for the final leg. It's a smooth, though sometimes chilly (as are most chair lifts), 35-minute ride each way, with some of the most spectacular views in the Rockies.

Though they look scary, chair lifts are nothing to be afraid of. Most kids ride alone. The operator will tell you whether smaller ones should ride on your lap.

Chair lifts aren't the only cable-hung contraptions you can go aloft in for bird's-eye views of scenery you'd never see from terra firma. Some of them let your whole family ride together.

You'll want a picture of your family gingerly boarding the aerocar below Niagara Falls on the Canadian side. For 75 cents, (children 11 and under free), it trundles you out across the Whirlpool Rapids, giving you, if you can stand to look, a horse's-mouth view of the whirlpool, 125 feet of thin air below. The car *seems* small; actually the entire operation is safe and has carried literally thousands of thrill pilgrims.

Brand new, the 36-passenger aerial tram up Mount Hood, Oregon, will whisk you 3.2 miles up to the 6,000 foot level at Timberline Lodge in a flying, tree-skimming 11 minutes. Nicknamed "The Timberline Trolley," it looks more like a Greyhound bus that's sprouted wings. The fare is expected to be $1.50, round trip, children under 5, free.

On New Hampshire's Cannon Mountain, there's an older, better-known tramway which will give you the same air-borne sensation. A mile long, it zooms you up 2,022 feet in less than 8 minutes. But that's long enough to get a panoramic view of the mica-tipped White Mountains. Don't worry if the ride seems short; there's no time limit to your stay on the mountain, and the same is true of the Timberline ride. The round trip fare at Cannon Mountain is $1 for adults, 75 cents for kids.

It costs only a quarter, car and driver, plus 5 cents for each passenger, to ferry through the air across Fraser Canyon from Boston Bar to North Bend in British Columbia. The ferry swings 90 feet above the canyon floor.

A cross between a chair lift and the tunnel of love is the skimobile at North Conway, New Hampshire. One-seated, sledlike cars follow each other on a continuous track up Mount Cranmore like ducks in a shooting gallery. You'll have trouble persuading the kids to get *off* this ride. Fare: adults, 90 cents; kids, under 12, 75 cents, under 6, free.

Incline railways have been around for a long time, but their nearly straight-up-and-down shuttling still gives you views you can't get from a road and stomach-in-mouth shudders that your kids will brag about all year to their admiring friends at home.

There's one on Mount Manitou just out of Colorado Springs. In a mile and a quarter, it climbs from 6,400 feet to 9,000. (Round trip: Adults, 75 cents, children 40 cents, plus tax.) Steepest incline in the world, at its upper end, is the mile-long one up Lookout Mountain at Chattanooga, Tennessee. From tiered seats in the new glass-domed cars, you'll get an eye-filling view of Chattanooga and the Tennessee River. From the top of Lookout

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Mountain, you can see into seven states on a clear day. Even if you *drive* up Lookout Mountain, a ride down and back on the incline will be the highlight of your day. Round trip: 50 cents.

Scheduled to reopen this summer is the cable railway up Mount Holyoke at South Hadley, Massachusetts. Built before the Civil War, it showed a spectacular view of the Connecticut River to such tourists as Abraham Lincoln and Jenny Lind. Fare is expected to be 25 cents and a dime.

There's an incline you can ride without a ticket down in Georgia. At Tallulah Falls Gorge, near the town of Tallulah Falls, the Georgia Power Company will give you a ride on its 1,165-foot incline and a tour of its hydroelectric plant.

At the Royal Gorge, just out of Canon City, Colorado, you cannot only *peer* down into the famous crevasse, you can shinny down the steep cliffs in a cable car for a closer look at the swift-flowing Arkansas, and the Denver and Rio Grande rails which look like toy train tracks from the rim. You can drive—or walk—across the world's highest suspension bridge not far from the top of the incline. A combination ticket for both incline and bridge costs $1.50 per person. Children under 7 are free.

You get a longer, less precipitous ride on a cog railway. The longest and most spectacular one in America is up Pike's Peak. You make the hour-and-20-minute climb in an observation car, powered by a modern diesel engine or a chugging little steam locomotive. It's 9 miles to the top—14,100 feet above sea level. The fare is $5 for adults, $2.50 for children (plus tax). For no additional fare, you can go one way by cog railway and one way by limousine on the famous Pikes Peak Highway.

First of its kind in the world, the Mount Washington cog railway in New Hampshire huffs and puffs 3¼ miles, mostly on an old-fashioned, high, wooden trestle, to the 6,288-foot summit of the highest mountain in New Hampshire. A sawed-off little engine with a boiler mounted cockeyed so it will be horizontal on grades as steep as 37 percent pushes you up, and eases you down, one cog at a time, on the return trip. Fare: adults, $4; children, $2 (plus tax).

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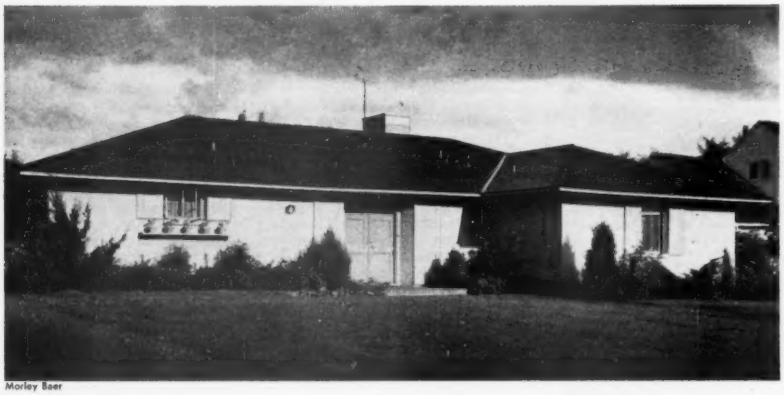


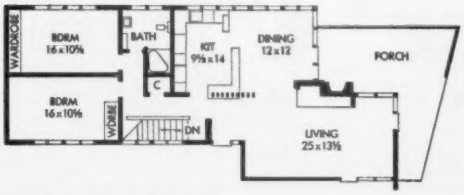
Morley Baer

Oklahoma's problems are wind, heat, and fine soil

Like steers backed into the wind, houses in the wind-swept cattle and oil regions face away from blasts across the plains, and open toward the sheltered east and south. In the house Architect Raymond Carter designed for the Warren Whites in Oklahoma City, west rooms are weather-buffers, while all other rooms enjoy the seclusion the spread-out wings of the house afford. Hipped roofs with straight eaves repeat the flat lines of the land.

Leonard Delano

In Oregon, low roofs and native lumber are characteristic



In the heart of the lumber country, you naturally find wood used extensively. On the Percy Lowell house in Eugene, Architect Claire Hamlin has used cedar, both horizontally and vertically. Because of mild, open winters, the plan is open. A through carport makes good use of the slope and extends the horizontal lines.

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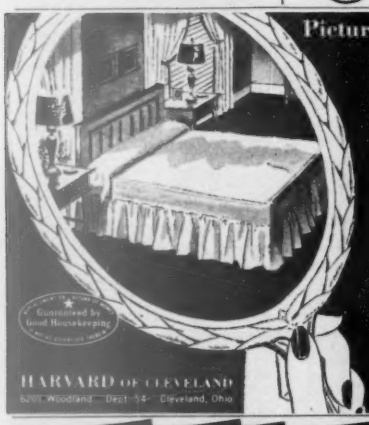

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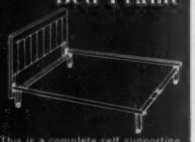

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ance for granted. They began to feel that Judy's view of money was out of focus.

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Then, too, you may fail to make your boy or girl understand that you are giving them money in addition to, not in place of, the other family ties of love and security. So they may sometimes misinterpret the financial support they receive from you as a sign of their own sufficiency. As a result, they give the impression of living apart from the family group. Note the impersonal relationship that helped to awaken the Foggs to the change in Judy.

In the case of your own Johnny and Mary, just handing over money isn't enough, for money in itself isn't an adequate token of your affection. You must begin early to show them the "how," "when," "where," and "why" of money.

You'll find that this kind of guidance pays off in two ways. It will teach them to be moderate in their demands on you. And they'll not be so likely to think of you as a mechanical cash register with endless resources. Here are some suggestions to help you get across to them what a dollar really is:

First, give Johnny and Mary an honest idea of your financial standing. For example, don't conceal the truth from them in such a way that they think you are wealthy if you aren't.

Of course, they probably never need to know to the penny what your family income is. But by the time they are ready to ask you regularly for spending money, they ought to know approximately how you are fixed. Later, they should be able to evaluate fairly well the things in which you have invested your money—your home, car, furniture, and insurance. In this way, they'll not get big ideas about money that doesn't exist.

In telling them the truth about your income, it isn't necessary to nag them about the scarcity of money or scare them with threats of starvation or eviction. If a crisis arises that you think they must know about, introduce them to it gradually and calmly. When you have made them understand their part, they'll be more inclined to adjust their needs to your ability to give. Children who know what money is all about don't expect their parents to sacrifice something important in order to buy a football ticket.

Naturally it isn't wise to give Johnny and Mary a handout every time they ask for it. But be ready to explain why. You won't satisfy them with, "Please don't bother me now; I've already told you 'No' twice." But you might mention previous amounts given in the past week and explain that the present request is a little out of line. Or

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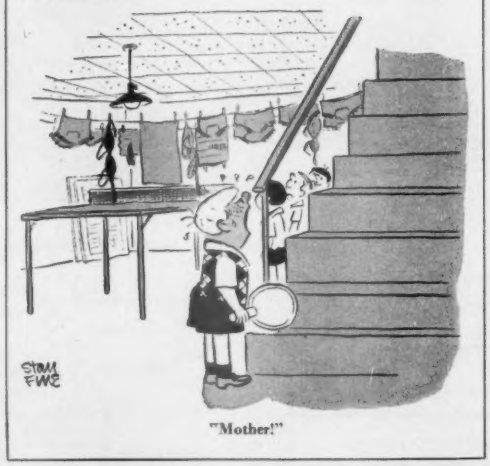

"Mother!"

show them with pencil and paper if you can't spare an extra 50 cents for hamburgers after the movies. And be cheerful about it. A tragic tone places an unwholesome emphasis on money.

When you refuse their request, give them something more important—your love. For instance, give them your companionship for an entire evening in place of that trip to the movies they asked for. Organize a games party. Make some fudge or popcorn. In this way you will avoid disappointing them. And you'll be teaching them a valuable lesson—that it's possible to have a good time without spending much money.

Next, tell your children exactly what Dad does for a living. Use specific words such as doctor, salesman, electrician. Explain how he's paid. Here you'll have a chance to teach them the meaning of salary, hours, and commission. Take them to see the office or factory where their father works.

In addition to understanding the "where" and the "how much" of money, they need to learn what's to be done with it. They ought to be told early in life that "things" cost. You can take them on frequent shopping trips to teach them this. Let them help you buy. At food stores, remind them to keep their eyes open for values. Later allow them to pay some of your bills in person. You can arrange the cash in such a way that there will be change. They'll see where the money goes and how much is left after the bills are paid.

Moreover, you ought to explain that money also provides the little extras that make their lives comfortable. You can point out to them that their father's efforts make possible such luxuries as television and radio.

Also, explain to them the principle of holding some of the income in reserve. This will give you a chance to tell them why you are not putting all your eggs in one basket. They'll see then that part of the income is being laid aside to buy desirable things—a home, a car, and a college education for Johnny. Make it quite clear that none of these advantages would be possible if it weren't for savings.

So much for background information. It now remains for you to provide your Johnny and Mary with practical experience in managing a few personal needs. That means letting them come face to face with a dollar bill of their own.

You may want to try an allowance, probably on a weekly basis. What you can afford will help you to determine what you can give them. You ought to take into consideration, too, their age and the practice of other parents in the community.

There are several things you should do to make the allowance an effective method of teaching money values.

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Ask them to give you from time to time an account of what they've done with their money. You'll have a chance then to insist on their spending some of it usefully for school needs, charity, and gifts. When they spend for pleasure, remind them to think of others as well as themselves.

Occasionally sound a note of economy by urging them to put a part of their allowance into a savings account, no matter how small the amount. In this way you'll be able to teach them to plan for things that might be out of reach otherwise. Then encourage them to make decisions between two items if they have saved enough for only one. And be firm about having them stick to their choice.

Another way of getting money into your children's hands is to let them do things for you. For example, you can hire them to mow the lawn or trim hedges or wash the car. They'll be pleased to find out that their efforts have real value to you in terms of money. You might set up a little table of prices you are willing to pay.

Remember, of course, to list the things for which you will not pay, such as bringing groceries on the way home from school. In that way you'll avoid giving them the impression that you must pay them for everything they do. And you'll have a chance to emphasize that some services around the house are their reasonable duty.

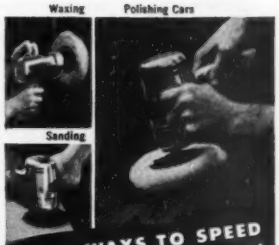
Also, it's a good idea to let them do odd jobs outside the family circle. Your friends and neighbors may need a little extra help. Your children can give them assistance in running errands, baby-sitting, shoveling snow, and the like.

When they come home with their quarters and half dollars, take an interest in what they have earned. Encourage them to save a little, share a little, and buy a few items they can use at home and in school. Also praise them for their efforts. That will make them confident that they're doing something worthwhile.

Your own situation will help you decide whether you ought to give your children an allowance or require them to earn their spending money. Some parents have successfully tried a combination of these systems, using a minimum allowance as base pay and then urging their children to add to it with their own earnings.

But however you approach your aim of giving your youngsters practical experience in managing their financial problems, you'll need, in addition, to teach them the facts discussed earlier: the extent of your financial ability to help them, the sources of your income, and the ways in which you use your income, to support your family.

This program will help them to see that the importance of money lies mainly in its relationship to other things. They'll understand then that there are many things that it cannot buy. They'll see that your love and the feeling of security they get from it and their association with a happy family circle are beyond the reach of money.



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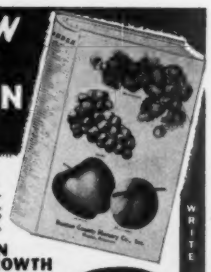

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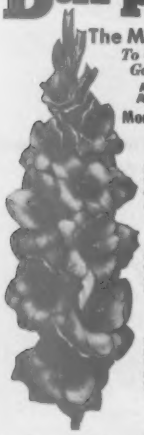

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Transplant trees and shrubs in Lower South; but wait until spring really starts to transplant magnolias.

Central-East

Check trees and shrubs planted last fall to see if they need bracing. Use guy wires if wind has whipped plant enough to make an open space around the base of the trunk; such holes collect water which freezes and causes injury. Never make bonfires under or near trees and evergreens; heat rises to considerable distance and can kill limbs.

Start geraniums now to get bloom for Decoration Day. Sow seeds of annual dahlias, lobelias, and delphiniums indoors soon to get the early start needed for best results.

Keep Christmas plants away from high temperatures and from drafts. Water the plants regularly for longest bloom. Be sure bird feeders are placed where winter winds don't strike them; keep 10 feet from twiggy shrubs and evergreens.

Texas-Southwest

Spray broadleaf evergreens such as gardenias with an oil spray to destroy scale insects. Use lime-sulfur spray on infested trees and shrubs before the buds swell; spray only when temperature is 40 degrees or above.

Prune crapemyrtle and vitex to increase size of next year's flower clusters. Prune severely only if you want a shrub form rather than tree form. Prune all shrubs except spring-blooming types now.

Start tomatoes, cabbage, peppers, and eggplant indoors.

Pacific Northwest

Prune hollies now to shape them. Shrubs and fruit trees may be pruned any time now.

Mulch azaleas, camellias, and rhododendrons with fallen leaves. Use peatmoss or other mulch around daphnes and roses to keep blooms from being made unsightly by mud.

Plant shrubs and trees as soon as the soil and weather are right. Apply heavy mulch around each plant after setting.

California

Prune brown and white figs severely; leave only two or three buds on each shoot. Remove only oldest and weakest branches on varieties of black figs; fruit is usually borne only on branches more than a year old.

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How to referee your children's fights

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get mixed up in children's battles yourself. You're asking for more trouble if you pitch in with Ronnie *or* Barbara and point your finger at the other one: "You did too do it first; I saw you!" If you step into the scrap and fight along with your children, either actively or verbally, you're apt to find both of them on your neck! Or they may overwhelm you with a long list of grievances which led up to the fight. You'll be forced to listen when you'd much prefer to read the paper in peace and quiet.

Of course, you are *big* enough to put a stop to any given fight if you want to, but you might as well admit the true reason: that the wrangling is bad for you, not for the children.

We are not considering here the really disturbed child who strikes out and fights everybody and everything in his path. This article deals with normal children—your Alice, who teases her little sister; your Tom, who can't be in the same room with his cousin Dick for a minute without a wrestling match. Next time, before you interfere, look carefully into the fight and the background for it. Are you sure that little sister wouldn't *rather* be teased by Alice than ignored by her? Maybe Tom and Dickie are sparring, in their way, just as adults experiment verbally on different conversational levels before establishing common ground. Stay out of it.

Interfere only when the battle is seriously inconveniencing you—or when a child is armed. If one or both of the children engaged in the fight is holding anything harder than a powder puff, you are automatically obliged to raise yourself up out of that easy chair and confiscate the weapon. The consequences, both physical and psychological, of one child's inflicting an injury on another are too serious to risk. If you do have to step in, remember that you are the referee—not a contestant.

You can't—and shouldn't—stop children from fighting altogether. Who admires a Casper Milquetoast, junior grade, who allows himself to be pushed around and abused with no better defense than tears or tattle-taling? Youngsters need to do a certain amount of fighting, and quite often they enjoy it. As Rita, a sophisticated 5-year-old friend of mine, said to her mother, who protested over her fights with Jimmy on the ground that he was her good friend, "Of course he is my friend. I wouldn't fight with him if he wasn't!" Some fighting is necessary to the establishment of give-and-take relationships. It should be viewed with alarm only when it's the only thing children do. If your children would rather fight than eat, play games, or roller skate, you had better start looking for the reason.

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How to plant around your house

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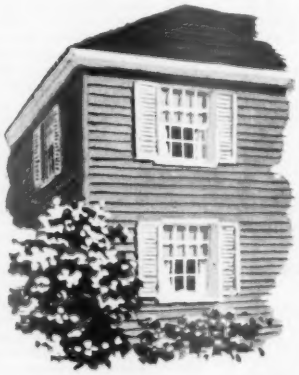

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Good foundation plantings

For open areas:

Morrow Honeysuckle, Goldenbells, Yellowtwig dogwood, Blueleaf Honeysuckle, Ninebark, Tamarix.

For one-story house corners:

Fragrant Viburnum, Lemoine Deutzia, Red Chokeberry, Dwarf Japanese Quince, Jetbead.

For two-story house corners:

Persian Lilac, Wright Viburnum.

For front of windows:

Slender Deutzia, Golddrop Potentilla, Lead-plant, Mountain Ninebark, Abelia.

For bay windows:

Cranberry Cotoneaster.

For porch privacy or windbreak (vines):

Engelmann Creeper, Oriental Bittersweet, wintercreeper, Halls Japanese Honeysuckle, Sweet Autumn Clematis, Anemone Clematis.

For beneath a porch rail (shrubs):

Oregon Holly-grape, Yodogawa Azalea.

For corners of low porches:

Anthony Waterer Spirea, Torch Azalea, Common yucca, Convex-leaf Japanese Holly.

For sides of porch steps:

Warty Barberry, Dwarf boxwood, Dwarf highbush cranberry.

For small porches without rails:

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For narrow strip between porch and walk (vine):

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How to referee your children's fights

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Of course you shouldn't let a child be picked on. Don't, for instance, let him be the whipping boy for an older or tougher youngster. Mike's mother finally realized that Mike and her best friend's little boy were a bad combination. George, whose older sisters led him a merry chase, saved up all his hostile feeling to unload on Mike who was younger, lighter, and easily intimidated. Mike was taking a steady beating from George, who was not even actually *his* friend, but his mother's friend's little boy. The mothers broke up the combination, to their mutual regret, and now each boy plays with friends nearer his own age and weight.

Maybe your children fight because they haven't enough equipment and opportunities for play. They need some outlet for their energy and high spirits, for their feelings of rivalry and resentment—outlets like pounding toys for 2-year-olds and punching bags and competitive sports for teen-agers.

Make sure that each child in your family enjoys an *equal* share of possessions, privileges, and parental affection. If Joan doesn't have enough toys of her own, she is pretty likely to help herself to what she needs from Kathie's room. If the baby gets all the attention while Billy sulks unnoticed in the background, Billy is probably going to make the most of the first opportunity to whack him.

Don't try to fool yourself into thinking that your children should love each other *all* of the time. You're lucky if they love each other *some* of the time. Don't make normal conditions worse by prohibiting healthy forms of rough-and-tumble play such as spanking the dolls or killing "robbers." Don't deny your children the opportunity to work out their wider feelings in pillow fights and arguments. Even spitting, while not exactly endorsed, is recognized by experts as a more advanced method of fighting than biting or hitting.

Note-writing is a more advanced form of attack than name-calling; indeed it's often employed by adults in "letters to the editor"!

Every child is entitled to a fair chance to work through the various stages of fighting techniques—landing one time at the bottom of the heap and another time at the top. This is the way he learns to manage his own feeling; and, eventually, to acquire respect for the feelings of other people. Give your younger generation a chance to fight—in peace!

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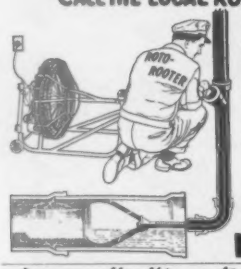

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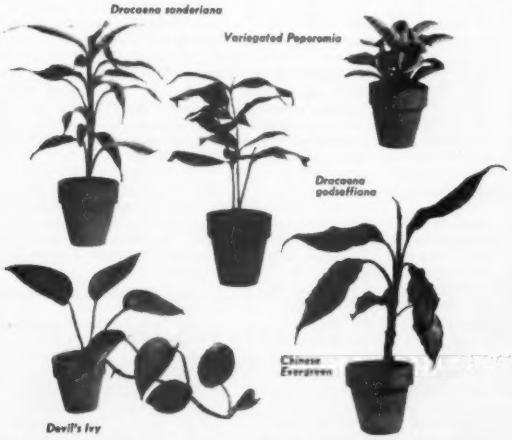
A half-inch layer of charcoal in the bottom of your container will help keep soil sweet. Or use sand, fine gravel, or pieces of broken clay pots. Cover the drainage layer with a thin layer of soil—good mixture is 2 parts good garden soil, 1 part sand, 1 part leafmold or acid peatmoss. Now for the planting

Place your hand over the soil ball of your tallest plant and turn the pot upside down. If you bump the rim of the pot sharply against the edge of the table or shelf, the soil ball will come out readily, as shown. Placing the plant in your container is next. Be sure to keep root ball intact

Plants you buy can be transplanted to larger, more colorful pottery or metal containers. Or keep them in the small pots they come in, and place in any attractive, leakproof bowl, vase, or box that fits your home. Vermiculite around plants in original pots will slow soil drying



All foliage plants above combine well in a dish garden, with variegated kinds adding color and interest. Others are *croton, dieffenbachia, sansevieria, nephthytis, ferns, pellinia, saxifraga,* and *vitis*

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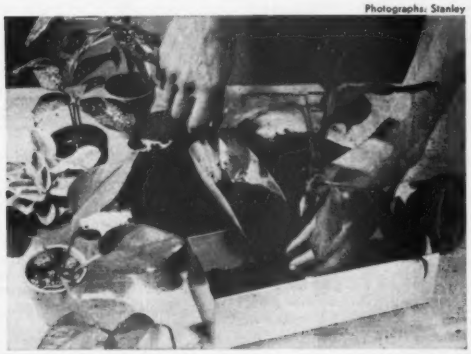

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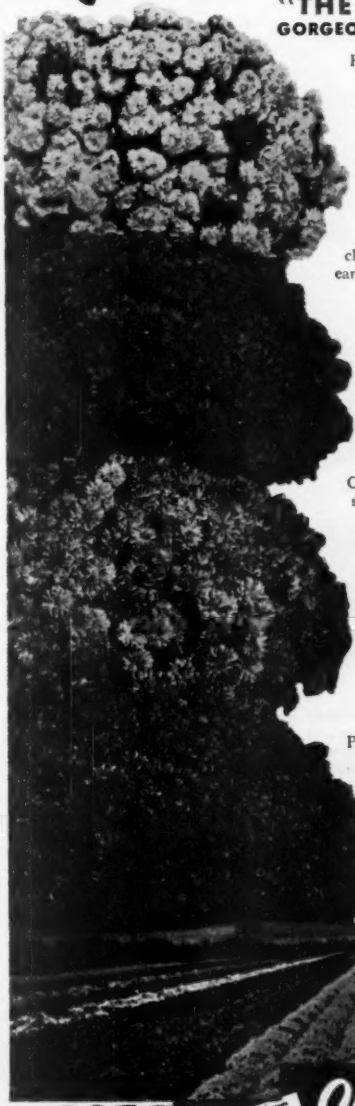

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By Harry R. O'Brien

Donald dug a hole—it being a balmy day. David rustled out our live Christmas tree. Between them, they planted it. I didn't lift a hand to help

Jan. 1 This year began last night—at the supper table. It was an oration by Mrs. Maggie that got it started.

"Why don't you just let that big bed where you had glads and mums last summer go to grass?" said she. "Then you'd have a fine grassy plot between the two rose beds that wouldn't take so much work.

"You try to do too much. You can't grow everything every year. So my advice is to cut down. Put more of the garden space into lawn. It will be a lot easier to mow it than hoe it."

"You are right," says I, "but not *that* bed. I aim to put that in strawberries. It is the bed in front I aim to take out of circulation. I want to plant it to permanent perennials that will take little cultivation. I aim to plant it to flowers that will last for years. That's why I put the new narcissus across the front of it."

Whereupon Maggie was horrified. That bed where she wants grass would never do for strawberries. Whoever heard of strawberries in a flower garden, between two rose beds?

"I don't care whether that is what the book says or not," says I. "I'm not gardening just to have a fancy place for somebody else to look at. Strawberries are wonderful to get the ground in good condition for more flowers. The straw rots down and makes mulch to turn under."

Well, we shall see, and time shall tell. But anyhow, this new year finds us all still on hand. And still planning.

I think I'll grow fewer annuals and hope for more time to put in on perennials. Roses will be about the same. But mebbe cut out cucumbers this year, put out a few less kinds of sweet corn, and so on.

My hopes—not resolutions—are to lick the quackgrass in the rose beds, keep down crabgrass on the rear lawn, use some magic on the grapes so they'll do better—though maybe plant food and elbow grease would be more sensible here—and inspire David to fill up that hole by the side of the house where he dug out that dead evergreen last spring.

Jan. 2 Will wonders never cease? Maggie took the trimmings off our live Christmas tree today. Donald went out and dug a hole—it being a balmy spring day. David rustled out the tree. Between them, they planted it. I didn't have to say a word, much less lift a hand.

This has been a peculiar year, so far. It surely is the first in 20 years that by now I hadn't counted up my material blessings and accurately inventoried my financial assets.

Can it be because those new rose catalogs have come by mail? Plumb full of purty pictures and the most entrancing narratives about the new varieties. Sitting and reading puts all thoughts of savings made last year right out of my mind.

Drawings: Bob O'Reilly

Nobody had put out food for birds last night. So I went out with pans of seed, and was late for breakfast

Jan. 4 Well sir, the thermometer stood at 60 outdoors and 'twas 70 inside. So no coal was put in the furnace this a.m.—a strange day indeed. But almost freezing before I got home.

I had been out this evening to the monthly meeting of our men's rose club. Business was our rose show next June. The date is set. The place is all arranged for. The schedule is made out. We looked at the entry tags devised by the Cincinnati Rose Society. Best tags we ever saw, and since those fellows down there haven't copyrighted the idea, we decided to use the same form.

Then we spent the rest of the time talking over the results of the American Rose Society test garden on the campus of Ohio State University. Of the 73 newer hybrid teas growing there, the five which scored best were in order, Tallyho, Nocturne, Fandango, Taffeta, and Sleigh Bells. The four best-scoring floribundas were Pink Rosette, Pinkie, Hill's Hillbilly, and Holiday. The two best-scoring climbers were Inspiration and Climbing Santa Anita.

Jan. 5 This day began pleasantly enough, though outdoors all the rain had turned to sleet and ice and chill. I could hear the patter on the windows. Donald got up a bit early, and I heard him go downstairs and fire up the furnace. So I just stayed in bed and relaxed.

After a bit, I could hear distant evidence of Maggie's activity in the kitchen. Then a faint fragrance of bacon was wafted on the air. Food—heavens—did anybody put out food for the birds last night? I was up. In a flash I was dressed and down. Sad news was that nobody had. In another flash, I was out with pans of seed, a big slab of suet. Sure, I was late for Maggie's bacon and eggs. She said nary a word.

Tonight again, after the noisy sparrows had gone away. I slipped out and refilled such feeders as needed it. Then inside, I watched. Came the cardinals. It was dusk and hard to see them, but I counted 10 at one time. There may have been more as they darted around from one feeder to another.

Now mebbe I'm a silly old fool. But seeing those cardinals sorta gave me a thrill. Sorta put a lump in the throat, as it were.

Maggie reports that along in the afternoon, she heard a clamor at the back door. There stood Sir Scratch, the dog, all coated with ice. He had been running around in the weather and the weeds.

Jan. 7 So bright and happy was the sun this early a.m. and such a sight outdoors, that I began to write me a song, which began like this:

[*Turn to page 114*

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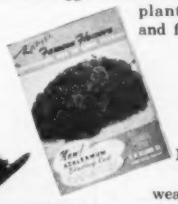

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"Oh, they fly through the air
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Sure 'nuf, with temperature down to winter again and a thin layer of snow on ground, there were those jays. More than any time this winter. They kept on the go, so I just couldn't get an accurate count.

I saw Maggie changing the location of her African-violet. She was mumbling about the kind of soil in the pot. It looks so queer.

"Look at the plant," says I. "If the plant is doing all right, that's the important thing." As far as I can tell, it does look good.

But apparently Maggie has given up hopes for her amaryllis. I see she has set the pot out on the hall bench by the cellar door. Evidently it is headed for oblivion, via the ash can.

And did I mention that Maggie thinks she gave me a certain book for Christmas? Just between us, there was some finessing and finangling on my part and it really was my present to her. It's a rather new book—came out mebbe a year or so ago—called *Garden in Your Window*, by Jean Hersey. Mrs. Jean is an energetic gardener whose writings you have doubtless seen before. There is a lot of practical information in it and sprightly written, about house plants and such.

There was a trainload, more or less, of ashes and trash in the basement. So this late afternoon, David got out the trailer he built last summer, pulled by the garden tractor. He loaded it up and started off into the garden and down a path. He hadn't gone 15 feet until the wheels had cut through the thin layer of frozen soil and he was mired down.

Now the book says to cover up strawberries when the temperature gets down to 20. This is usually just before Thanksgiving around here. Well, believe it or not, it hasn't been that cold yet this winter. But methinks the berries had better be covered anyhow. So we got busy and, before dark, had the berries about half mulched over with two to three inches of straw.

Jan. 14 Guests coming for dinner tonight and Maggie was hurrying to get the house all slicked up—when right in the midst of it, her electric sweeper broke down. Which

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Jan. 18 Back home just ahead of suppertime, to hear terrible news. Maggie's cleaning woman tried to use that broken sweeper. Sparks flew off where the wire goes into the handle and nearly scared her to death. David was called to use his knowledge of electricity and repairing, but couldn't make it work right.

So Maggie phoned to the sweeper dealer agency for a repairman. Out he came pronto and said it would cost more than $20 to do the repairing. What shall we do? This present faithful sweeper has been in continuous use for about 15 years now. Goodness knows how many times it has been serviced and repaired. During the war years, it had been patched up with used parts from another sweeper.

We got busy and before dark had the strawberries about half mulched over with two to three inches of straw

Jan. 19 As I worked hard in my study this morning on an emergency matter and so could not be disturbed, the doorbell rang. Then a tocsin sounded from the living room. Would I come down and take a look? I couldn't. But I did.

There was the sweeper man back with a brand-new, streamlined, super de luxe 1951-model sweeper. Why not buy it instead of repairing the old? The net result of the negotiations is that Maggie said she would.

"I'll give you a check," said Maggie.

Believe it or not, that sweeper salesman didn't know how to take complete payment in full. He had to phone back to the office and find out how a cash sale is handled. Seems as though everybody buys 'em a third down and installment payments on the rest.

You know, neither of us was brought up that way. We don't buy on installments. We do without, save our pennies, and then buy when we can pay for it. But land sakes—what old fogies we are.

Jan. 21 A woman down South has written, offering to send us blooms of some azaleas and camellias. I had to reply that it isn't legal to ship plant materials from there to here unless they have been inspected by the proper officials and are accompanied by a certificate certifying that they are free of damaging insects or diseases. I don't want to have it on my soul that I aided some pest to get off to a good start in our wonderful community.

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Jan. 22 "We have a night-blooming cereus that looks like it will bloom sometime between 10 and midnight tonight. Wouldn't you folks like to come over and watch it?" asked a voice on the phone about 8 p.m. I declined with thanks on grounds I am too busy—which is the gospel truth.

The other day word come from a man who has a Sacred Lily of the Nile—or is it of India?—that was in bloom and would I hurry over to see it. I will not. That is the very identical affair that Maggie threw out in the drive when it bloomed here years back. The pesky thing stunk up the whole house. Ought to be a law agin it.

But in pursuit of my bird-feeding chores, bless my soil if I didn't spy green shoots of narcissus peeking up along the south side of the house. A sure sign of snow and zero weather before long.

Jan. 24 Summer here—thermometer up in 60's. As I did walk about the soggy lawn this late afternoon after the evening papers, there was a pretty little yellow flower in bloom by the shrubbery on the south side of the house. Crocus? Nay, my friend. It was a dandelion. If you don't believe it, just come on over and look for yourself. This is a sure sign we'll have a cold blizzard and snowstorm on April 15.

Jan. 25 Warmest day hereabout in recorded weather history. When I looked, it was 75. I heard on the radio it was 78 downtown. If it hadn't been for the sopping mud, just think of all the spring work I could have done. Didn't need to put a lump of coal on the fire all day.

Jan. 28 Just ahead of twilight, I was ahummin' that old hillbilly song about "She'll be coming 'round the mountain when she comes," only I was making it go about coming 'round the elm tree. There hasn't been a nuthatch around all winter. When they do come, it is usually in the evening, and I spy 'em, hopping upside down, around the trunk of the elm tree where there is a box of sunflower seeds, or the other one with a suet rack on it.

Bless my soul, I hadn't kept vigil for five minutes, until a nuthatch *did* come around from the backside of an elm and hop downward. It helped itself to a sunflower seed, flew way up high, put the seed in a crack in the bark, and went to work to get its meal.

Jan. 30 Home late, after having stayed around the office too long, to face a domestic crisis. Maggie has at long last decided we must install tile in bathroom and lavatory. Mebbe all new fixtures too. The boys set up a clamor and say it's unnecessary and we can't afford it. But in came the plumber tonight, arms full of catalogs of fancy new plumbing fixtures. Time shall disclose the outcome of it all.

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Helen Hall, Arcadia, California

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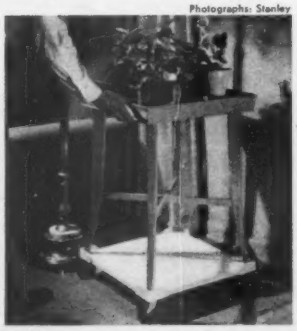

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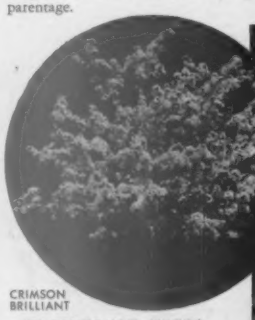

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Simplicity doesn't exclude the luxury of a fireplace in the bedroom. Traverse draperies are drawn across terrace window at night, illuminated by lighting trough above desk. Textured bedspread is rose shot with metallic thread, finished with brown side ruffles and day pillows

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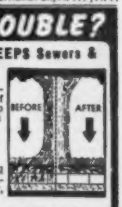

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New All-American flower champs

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plants revel in heat and can be planted after the tulips fade. Torch is an annual, comes readily from seed sown where the plants are to flower.

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Regal Rose Larkspur is one of several rich, new colors of annual larkspur that shows up importantly in the garden with strong cylinders of tightly packed rosettes held tall and regally at the time the Madonna Lilies and annual poppies bloom. Sow seeds early and, if possible, where they are to flower.

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Hollywood Hybrids Lilies are one of the most brilliant of the new groups of vigorous and hardy garden lilies now coming on the market. Stems are wiry and graceful, and bulbs are for sale at popular prices. So we are suggesting that you grow these brilliant red flowers both for garden groups and for bouquets of unusual elegance. Plant bulbs in full sun or very light shade in a soil that contains a good amount of humus.

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Delphinium Loveliness. This is one belonging to a strain notable for having its flowers all out at once. Each flower is double, with pale blue inner petals and a robin's-egg blue outer layer. Side branches from the base of the main bloom spire prolong the display. No seeds, only plants are offered. Set plants as early as possible in full sun or very light shade.

A sixth annual making our recommended list is a new cleome—a giant candidate for background position named Helen Campbell White. Sow seeds in a sunny position and thin young plants to stand four feet apart. The glistening white flowers are excellent in combination with zinnias, marigolds, calendulas, dahlias, and bright shades of petunias.

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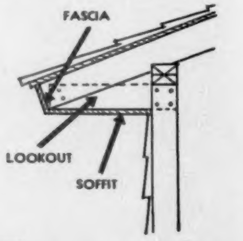

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Henry Bradshaw

Still puffing: Ancient iron horse still chugs up cog railway to 6,288 foot summit of Mount Washington, highest peak in New Hampshire

shelf through Toltec Gorge. At Cumbres Pass, you're up 10,000 feet. Even more spectacular is the thrice-weekly run of the "Silverton" from Durango to Silverton—a 90-mile round trip you can make in one day. With the tiny, glass-topped observation car clinging precariously to a rock ledge through richly colored Animas Canyon, this is considered by many rail fans to be the most exciting train ride in America.

It's a far cry from the natural canyons of the Rockies to the man-made ones of Manhattan, but, if they're new to your family, the high-rise elevators of Empire State Building are quite a ride, too. They shoot you upward 66 floors at a crack.

Like the little girl on her first ride they tell about, you're apt to wonder "if God knows you're on you're way up." From the observation platform, you can lord it over the lesser skyscrapers from this highest building in the world. You can ride to the top of other towers in New York, and in nearly every big city, there's at least one tall building with an observation tower.

Not all excursion elevators whisk you *up*. At Hoover Dam you get on at the top and ride *down* through the concrete heart of the dam to the powerhouse, a vast gallery with gleaming generators straight out of Buck Rogers. One for every family's scrapbook, this is especially fascinating to kids. If they're under 12, Uncle Sam lets them in free. It'll cost you 30 cents.

If you really want to stake out a family claim to the Grand Canyon, stop long enough to take an all-day mule trip down to the water's edge, a mile below the canyon rim. Though the trail scares you just to look at it, you can trust your mule. He's made the trip before. The trip from the South Rim costs $10 per person, from the North Rim, $12. Children under 12 can't go.

It's too cold for mules on a glacier and too treacherous on a sand dune. But that needn't keep your family off either. Man has invented some strange conveyances, but none more bizarre than a snowmobile or a dunescooter.

The former, built especially for exploring the toe of Athabasca Glacier, in the Canadian Rockies between Banff and Jasper, looks like an armored car on skis. It will take you on a skidding, 8-mile exploration of the glacier, along brinks of crevasses, sometimes so deep that a stone dropped cannot be heard to hit bottom. (Cost, $2; children under 12, $1.)

The dunescooter is something else—an overgrown hot-rod with 10 wheels and a 6-passenger capacity. It dune-scoots you up-and-down over 10 miles of the largest body of shifting sands in the world outside the great deserts.

Rides into the Oceana Dunes leave from Mears, Michigan. You can also scoot over the Sleeping Bear Dunes on the Leelanau Peninsula. Headquarters for this trip is Glen Haven.

If you like your sand more stationary, drive your own car out onto the hard-packed "highway" along the ocean's edge at Daytona Beach, Florida or at Seaview, Washington. Daytona is the beach made famous in automobile speed runs, but don't try to set any records on your own. Although you can cruise along the Atlantic's edge for 26 miles with the surf licking at your tires, take it easy; there'll be hundreds of bathers on the beach.

Daytona has another ride for the more adventurous—"sand-sailing" in speedy, three-wheeled, sail-cars. You can do this, too at Palm Springs in California.

Boat trips are a dime a dozen every place there's a lake or river.

Even so, most of them are refreshing changes of pace on any vacation. Some boat trips are more than merely interesting or restful. In fact some are *anything but* the latter. But if you're looking for family adventure, you can do your relaxing when you get back home.

The "Maid of the Mist" has been edging visitors up to the very foot of Niagara Falls for more than 50 years. It's still one of the brightest vacation thrills 90 cents will buy.

Take one of the more ambitious boat trips—the 190-mile round trip through Hell's Canyon on the snarling Snake River. The Snake's current is so swift that it takes 12 hours to make the trip upstream from Lewiston, Idaho, but only 4 to return. Rapids challenge the navigator. To give you just an idea of what the Snake is like: The only time Lewis and Clark turned back on their famous expedition was when they tried to find passage through Hell's Canyon. This is an overnight trip, and food and accommodations at a modern lodge in the canyon are included in the fare of $20. (Children under 10, $10.) Boats leave Lewiston at 7 a.m. Wednesday and Saturday except during low water.

If you want your excitement short but concentrated, hire a Quillayute Indian guide to take you out beyond the breakers in a dugout at La Push, an Indian village on the Pacific Ocean side of Washington's Olympic Peninsula.

The guides are skillful, won't take you out if the ocean's too rough. On a one-hour trip, which costs $7.50 for your entire party, you go close enough to sea lions to take their pictures from the dugout.

Other boat trips take you down mysterious rivers that flow underground. Kentucky's Mammoth Cave has several short ones. At Penn's Cave, five miles east of Center Hall on Route 95, in central Pennsylvania, your entire trip is through murky waters illuminated only by the searchlight of your boat. Fare: adults, $1; children, 50 cents (plus tax).

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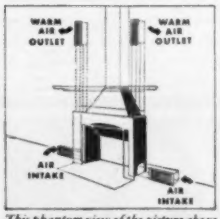

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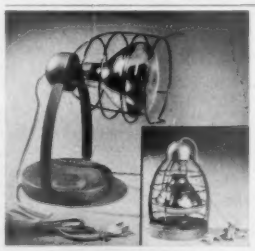

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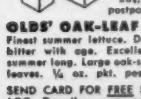

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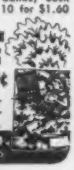

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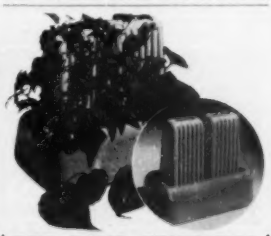

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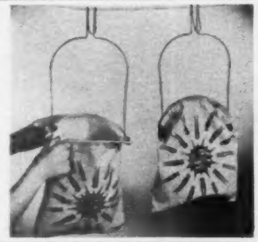

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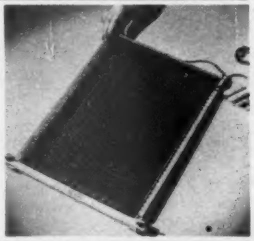

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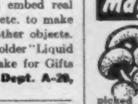

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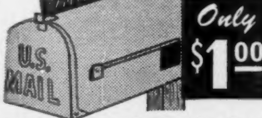

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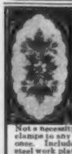

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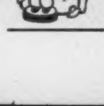

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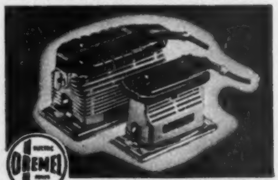

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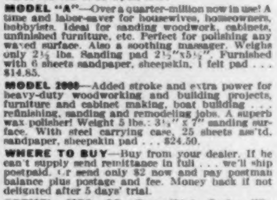

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I am glad to report that that bald spot on the lawn is no longer noticeable and looks exactly like the rest of the yard—under three inches of snow.

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What singing is more delightful than that of young carolers outside your door, particularly when one of your own is with them?

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Kids are wonderful actors. They manage to show complete surprise at their Christmas gifts, even though they get what they've been hinting at for months.

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The new garbage grinder in our sink is so much fun we've all been hunting things to throw into it.

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I ran into Pete Butler the other day, first time we had seen each other in 10 years. We hashed over some boyhood pranks and agreed that, if we had grown up in the city, we'd have been called juvenile delinquents.

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A lady is a woman who can smile and be silent when the hostess serves her dieting husband a large slice of Boston cream pie.

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Free advice to sons-in-law: Never refer to your mother-in-law as such, but speak of her always as your wife's mother.

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My wife and I are inveterate midnight snackers. Our dreamhouse will have a refrigerator in the master bedroom.

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A gentleman is a man who can tell his wife her slip is showing without making her think he's criticizing her appearance.

We never have to go through the after-Christmas routine of exchanging gifts of clothing. At our house, there's a size and shape to fit anything that has ever been knitted or woven.

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Last year we knew an unmarried girl of 29 who was considered an old maid. This year, 30 and married, she has just joined the Young Mothers Club.

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When Ted Porter's wife complained that he never brought her candy and flowers any more, he countered with, "No, but I never brought you bacon and eggs before we were married, either." I haven't talked to Ted lately to see how he made out.

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Problem for parents: How to keep a daughter at once demure but "dangerous," sweet but "sophisticated," cautious but carefree.

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Long before the scientists harnessed and controlled sources of boundless energy, our schoolteachers accomplished the same thing in kindergartens.

The family gave me a new pair of ice skates for Christmas. I don't know whether they want to flatter me or collect my insurance.

I have always maintained that a man should be allowed to shave without interruption. Now my thoughtful family has given me a pitcher and bowl to use in the bedroom.

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"I try to sit out all the new theories in child psychology," says my wife. "Most of them end by announcing that too much psychology isn't good for a child."

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Yep, history repeats. As bride and groom, we had six couples in one night to enjoy our new crystal radio set. This week we had the same six in to enjoy our new TV.

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Signs of the changing times: When the den that was your pride and joy when you built becomes just another bedroom.

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"Darning!" George Barrows said wistfully, fingering the growing hole in the heel of his wool sock. "Most women think it's something that went out with the stereoptican."

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When you bring your wife home a fine book, don't expect her to thumb through it as eagerly as she would a new catalog.

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Rummaging in my den for our Christmas-card mailing list, I found my 1950 New Year's resolutions. They seem satisfactory; all I need to do is dust them off for 1951.

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On second thought, I've resolved not to make any New Year's resolutions. They're either too hard to keep or too easy to break. I'd rather go along, trying to do the best I can each day. For such an effort, the quitting time never comes, and the starting time is always now.

Burton Hillis

Ten minutes ago this basement was a playroom

IN LESS TIME than it takes to put the youngsters to bed, this basement room can be converted from a children's playroom to an inviting place for adult entertaining. Hide the toys away on the shelves behind the draperies, turn over the furniture cushions, and the transition is complete. The other room decorations, including the handsome floor of Armstrong's Asphalt Tile, do double duty for child's or grown-up's recreation.

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DAYTIME, this basement is a carefree playroom for the children. They can play right on the floor of Armstrong's Asphalt Tile because it's so easy to keep clean. When the toys are put away at night, it's an inviting place for adult parties. Then, the floor adds its beauty to the room's colorful decorative scheme. Floor plan and list of furnishings for this basement, free on request.

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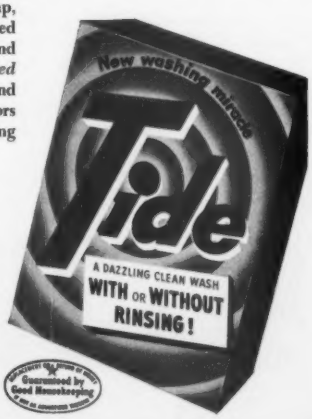

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